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LOOKING INTO CONDITIONS

LEADS A PROMINENT ORATOR TO WRITE UPON THE

Bright and Promising Young Negroes—He Points the Way Out of a Perplexity—Those Graduates Who are Sought.

During the past year the large number of colored men and women, especially in the Northern and Western States, who are seeking positions, has led me to look somewhat into their condition. In the first place, the number of bright and promising young Negro men and women graduating from the grammar and high schools and also colleges is surprisingly large. Naturally, after these young people graduate they seek something to do that is in keeping with the cost and character of their education. Every one of them could be used in the school room in the South if there was money in the South with which to pay them, but at present there is little money in that section to be used for school teaching. The same problem of how to find a way to use one's education is pressing upon the men and women who graduate from the Southern schools and colleges.

To help point the way out of this perplexity is the object of this communication. There is a place where everyone can use his education if he will prepare himself for that thing which the world wants done and is able and willing to pay for. The trouble with too many young colored men and women is they have not fitted themselves for the occupations which are at the command of the race now and which the race most needs help in.

Let me illustrate what I mean: A few years ago a young colored man went through the grammar and high school of his town and then he entered an agricultural college in the West, where he took a thorough course in scientific and practical agriculture. When he graduated three positions in the South at an annual salary of more than a thousand dollars were offered him. He did not have to spend a day looking for a position, the position sought him.

Two years ago another young colored man finished the college course at a certain institution and afterwards entered the agricultural department of Cornell University, from which he graduated last June. In this case, three months before he graduated, at least two positions were oeffred him. He is now receiving a good salary as instructor in agriculture at a school in 'North Carolina.

Why is it that these two young men were literally sought out and grabbed up, as it were? Simply because they had prepared themselves to lead along the lines of the needs of the race. The logic of it all is clear. Eighty-five per cent. of the colored people in the South live by agriculture and they need help in the direction of their life work.

Some six years ago a young man finished the course in architecture at the Institute of Technology in Boston. When he received his diploma he had the choice of three positions. The logic of this is also clear. As a race we need homes. During the next fifty years we are going to have a race of house, factory and store builders.

I know but a few colored women who have thoroughly fitted themselves to teach or do scientific and practical cooking and domestic economy, and their services are always in demand. We need not search for the reason of this success of these few. The whole question of the proper preparation and serving of food is one that is being revolutionized throughout the country and the Negro needs leaders and teachers in this special department.

The whole question of textile manufacturing and the making and fitting of clothing is largely a new one in the South and the race must have leaders along this line also.

In short, in the laying of the foundation of any race the needs are largely along the three cardinal lines that I have mentioned: Food, shelter, clothing. In order to be more helpful to the young men and women who are being educated I will be more specific. Any young man or woman who prepares himself or herself thoroughly in any one of these lines will not be long in securing a position at a good salary: Agriculture, landscape gardening, dairying, stock raising, poultry raising, architecture, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, mining engineering, brick masonry, carpentry, house decorating, house contracting, cooking, dressmaking, millinery, textile manufacturing, tailoring, etc. The fitting of one's self along any of these lines will either enable him to find a place, or, what is better, to make a place.

There is the whole field of electrical engineering that has come into existence within the last twenty years in the South that might have been in the Negro's hands if the men to fill the positions could have been found.

In saying this I am not deprecating the preparation for the ministry, for teaching and other professional pursuits, but just in proportion as our young men will equip themselves in these trades I have mentioned will the ministers, the teachers, the lawyers, the doctors and the men in politics succeed, because there will be a more substantial foundation to the race from which the professional classes may draw support. The church can never prosper until its membership has material prosperity.

How I wish that some of the hundreds of educated young people now in government clerkship service, holding places that are entirely too small for the size of their brains, might prepare themselves to help the race along some of these lines. Some one has said that a man is either too small or too large for his job. In Washington City there are more men in the latter position than any place that I know. Too many of our brightest young men are led astray by the mere temptation to hold a government position. There is nothing that is so delusive. When an individual has a trade or special occupation or business from which he is sure of getting support he can afford to take these clerkships or other public positions, but the man, whether black or white, who secures a political position without some business for his foundation is likely to find himself out of an employment at that period in his life when it is too late to lay the foundation of a business career, thus his last condition is worse than the first. In these statements I would urge every man and woman to thoroughly prepare in his academic course for what he desires to specialize in. The specialization may be carried on while one is receiving his literary training or afterwards as the individual chooses.

In many cases I find our young people living in the same city where training the subjects that I have mentioned may be received for the mere asking and still few take advantage of the opportunity. At the Hampton Institute, in Virginia, for example, under the magnificent leadership of Dr. Frissell, such improvements have been made within the last few years that all the opportunities of which I speak may be taken advantage of at almost no cost. Will not the young people think of these conditions? If so, I believe that proper action will follow and lasting good will come to the race. Let a larger proportion of the Negro youth be guided for a number of years in their education in the course which I have tried to suggest and no power on earth can prevent our rising as a race and eventually holding the highest position as statesmen, in the professions, in the field of letters and fine arts. But the foundation must be laid in the material and industrial forces emphasized in this article.

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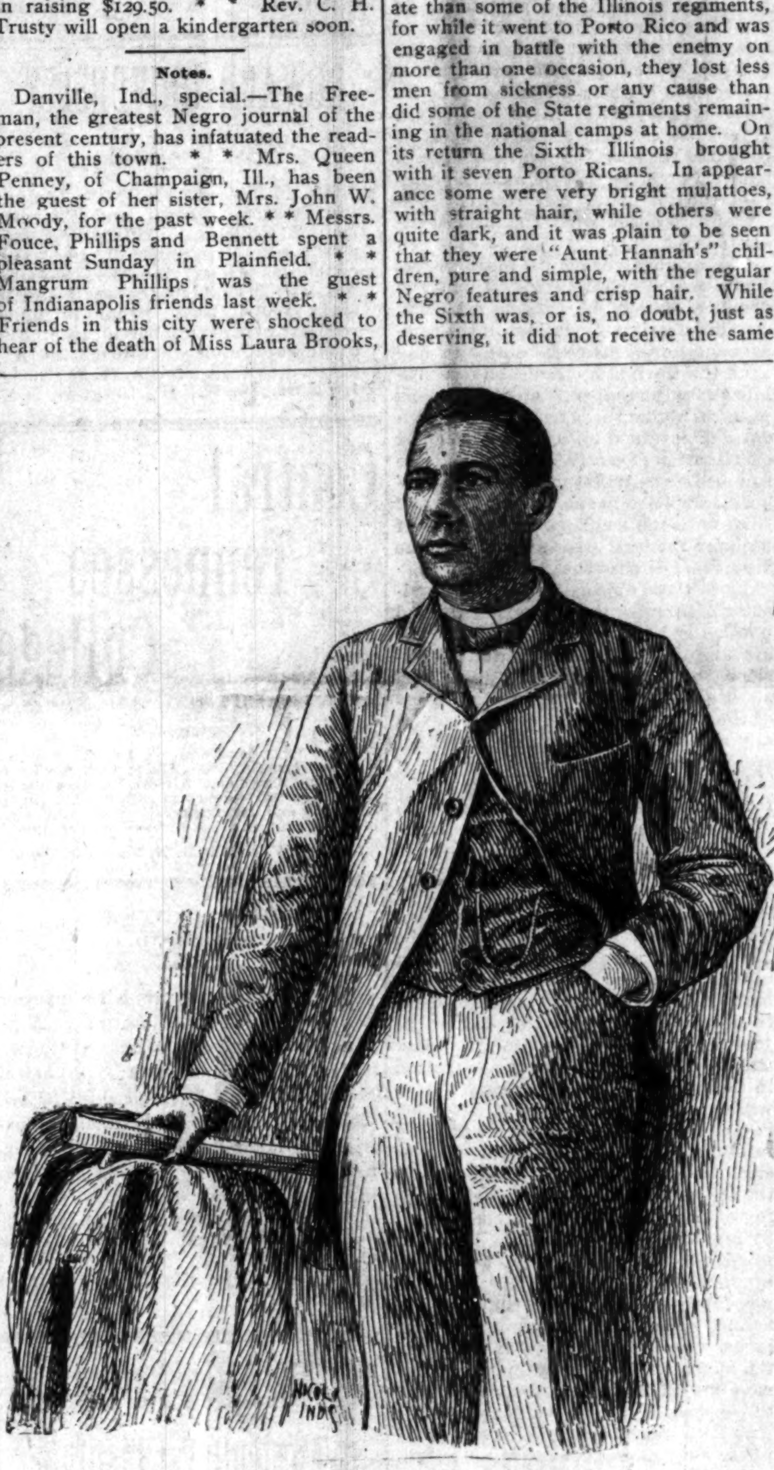
Interesting Items.

Chattanooga, Tenn., special.—Camp Thomas, Chicamauga Park, is no more. We are lonesome again. * * An army officer who was spending some time in a hospital in the city, became convalescent and disappeared suddenly. The lady of the house also put in her disappearance at the same time. It is said that the family, consisting of a husband and children, is wrecked. Some of the Negro soldiers were rough, but there is no account of any of them taking such advantages. * * The revival at the Wiley Memorial M. E. Church was of short duration, lasting only three nights. Rev. R. J. Buckner, the pastor, is getting ready for conference. * * Rev. J. E. Smith, of the Congregational Church, "shelled the woods" last Sabbath in his discourse, "What is the Christian Sabbath?" The Seventh Day Adventists are giving his church some little trouble. Several of his parishoners have been converted to that faith. * * The public schools opened on the 12th inst. with a good attendance. * * Prof. G. S. Lewis, principal of Lane grammar school, Birmingham, Ala., was in the city last week. He spent a few pleasant hours with his old co-laborer, Rev. J. A. Jones. * * Quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church was a decided success. The members asked for the return of their pastor, Rev. Buckner. * * The Good Samaritans' annual sermon was preached last Sabbath at Warren Chapel by the pastor. * * The topic of the town is the approaching elocutionary contest at Warren Chapel A. M. E. Church on the 27th. Eight young ladies will compete for a gold medal. Misses Edinburg, Banseau and Stallon are spoken of as favorites, but Rev. Jones, who has the ladies in training, claims that there will be some surprises. * * The Daughters of Conference of the A. M. E. Church will give a pink tea party on the 4th prox., complimentary to the pastor. * * The grand rally at Warren Chapel on the 11th resulted in raising $129.50. * * Rev. C. H. Trusty will open a kindergarten soon.

Notes.

Danville, Ind., special.—The Freeman, the greatest Negro journal of the present century, has infatuated the readers of this town. * * Mrs. Queen Penney, of Champaign, Ill., has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. John W. Moody, for the past week. * * Messrs. Fouce, Phillips and Bennett spent a pleasant Sunday in Plainfield. * * Mangrum Phillips was the guest of Indianapolis friends last week. * * Friends in this city were shocked to hear of the death of Miss Laura Brooks, of Monrovia, Ind. Miss Brooks had many friends in this city and they lend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereft father and mother. * * Mrs. Arvella Dudley was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Effie Givens, at Indianapolis, last week. * * Mrs. Mary Phillips is in Chicago at the death bed of her mother, Mrs. Martha Rioleth. * * Rev. N. Jones has returned from Evansville. * * W. R. Hutcherson, of Plainfield, Ind., and wife spent a pleasant day in this city last Tuesday. * * Let every race loving Negro subscribe for The Freeman. Its publisher and editorial staff are men of the broad-gauged type.



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Newsy Notes.

Redemption, Ark., special.—Mrs. Addie, wife of Rev. W. H. Jones, died on the 6th. The deceased was a faithful member of Walnut Grove A. M. E. Church. The funeral services were held at the residence under the management of Rev. L. S. Overall. * * Rumor has is that a railway is to be built through this county. * * Wm. Daniels is a subscriber to The Freeman this week. * * Some efforts have been put forth to organize a school at this place. The following persons subscribed to the enterprise: R. W. Holmes, $4; J. W. Neal, $5; H. C. Casey, $5; E. Grey, $5; C. W. Fields, $5; R. F. Mallery, $3.50; J. E. Fields $3; S. Waller, $3; A. D. Dulaney, $2; Q. Foxall, $3.50. * * Quarterly conference at the A. M. E. Church on the 27th. Rev. Cyrus Berry, P. E. * * A great bargain—get The Freeman, $1.50 per year, 5 cents per copy. See Jos. Hawkins.

Gleanings.

Springfield, Ill., special.—On Friday evening of last week the Sixth Illinois United States Volunteers arrived at Springfield direct from Porto Rico, and went into camp at Camp Lincoln, this city. The Sixth has been more fortunate than some of the Illinois regiments, for while it went to Porto Rico and was engaged in battle with the enemy on more than one occasion, they lost less men from sickness or any cause than did some of the State regiments remaining in the national camps at home. On its return the Sixth Illinois brought with it seven Porto Ricans. In appearance some were very bright mulattoes, with straight hair, while others were quite dark, and it was plain to be seen that they were "Aunt Hannah's" children, pure and simple, with the regular Negro features and crisp hair. While the Sixth was, or is, no doubt, just as deserving, it did not receive the same "royal" welcome at the hands of the citizens as did the Fifth on its arrival. However, the members of Company K were banqueted at the Leland Hotel last Sunday evening and with the company were two of the Porto Ricans above referred to, and being dressed in Uncle Sam's uniform they looked like "soger" boys. In lining up in front of the hotel in the march to the dining room and during the feast they had so adapted themselves to the ways of the Americans, even to language, that they appeared to be regular members of the company. A member of the company told me that it was the intention of those who are responsible for those Porto Ricans being here to have them educated and then send them back to the island to educate their fellow men. When these islands are Americanized the United States, like some of the planets in space, with their attendant satellites, will have an independent power and glory of her own in the system of nations.

Items.—Church Doings.

Meridian, Miss., special.—Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Hobson, of Enterprise, visited friends here. * * Rev S. Watson, of Kepler, preached a splendid sermon at New Hope Sunday evening. * * "Uncle" Billy Kelley has been quite sick. * * Rev. L. W. Watson will preach Mrs. Georgia Thomas's funeral at New Hope Sunday evening, the 27th. * * The mothers' meeting will convene at the Congregational Church the 27th. * * John Williams, of Company E, Alabama Volunteers, now in camp at Anniston, is in the city visiting his family. * * Henry Lee has been quite sick. * * Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Nelson and children left the 17th for Laurel, which place they will make their future home. * * Mrs. L. V. Buckley has returned to the city. * * A. D. Washington has been appointed a substitute postal clerk. * * Mrs. J. M. Brooks has been quite sick. * * Wm. Thomas is improving. * * Mrs. Bell Taylor is convalescent. * * Rev. G. W. Bayner is in the city, the guest of Rev. Watson. * * The Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Watson at New Hope the 18th. * * Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Burnett are the proud parents of a baby boy. * * Wesley Moore, of Bailey, spent last Saturday here. * * T. B. Henderson is in New Orleans. * * Leigh Davis has returned to his home at Jackson. * * Mrs. J. W. Longstreet and children have returned from a pleasant visit to Macon.

Happenings of Interest.

Muncie, Ind., special.—Mrs. Jones is on the sick list. * * Mrs. Minnie Dixon was taken very ill while visiting her mother, on South Hackley street, but at this writing is reported much better. * * Rev. Tucker Wilson, the new pastor of Jackson Street A. M. E. Church, will deliver his introductory sermon next Sunday morning. * * Mrs. Cora Akers, after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Ed Robbins, left for Lima, O., Monday, from whence she will go to Detroit. * * Miss Nettie Pierson returned home from an extended visit at Indianapolis last week.

Terre Haute, Ind., special.—Mr. Troy Porter was in the city last week. * * Mrs. Anna Day is expected home from Chicago about the 1st. * * William J. Weston has returned from Henderson, Ky. * * Miss A. L. Knight has returned from Arcadia. * * Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, after an extended trip East, has returned home, accompanied by her sister-in-law, from Chicago. * * Mrs. Lucy Joiner and Mr. Green were married last Friday. * * Mrs. Emma Hillman, of Evansville, is visiting Mrs. Jerry Rector, of Cherry street. * * Miss Josie B. Anderson entertained a large circle of her little friends Saturday evening in honor of her twelfth birthday. * * J. W. Walden is able to be out. * * The Emancipation was celebrated the 22d at Collett Park during the day and at Armory Hall at night. * * Miss Daisy Bishop is ill.

Personal Mention.

Henderson, Ky., special.—Dr. T. M. Harris, who has been practicing dentistry here, has returned to Meharry Medical College to study medicine. * * Miss Annye Kennedy has gone to Louisville to re-enter State University. * * Miss Rosa Butler and Mesdames Emma Bell and Mattie Cabell are on the sick list. * * Mr. and Mrs. Moses Green and Mesdames Ann Allen and Dolly Posey have returned from Cincinnati, where they attended G. A. R. encampment. * * Rev. Dunavant and wife left last week for St. Louis to attend conference. * * Mr. O. H. Morgan, an undertaker from Columbus, O., is in the city. He will likely locate here. * * Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harvey are the proud parents of a little son. * * Revs. Warner, of Birmingham, Ala., Jones, of Louisville, and Prof. Benjamin Johnson, of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., were in the city last week en route to St. Louis to attend conference. * * Miss Maymie Morton has returned home from an extended visit to relatives in Hartford, Ky. * * Miss Julia Lisle left September 11 for Terre Haute to attend school. * * Mrs. Fannie Barnett was called home last week to attend the funeral of her mother, at Nashville, Tenn. * * A moonlight picnic was given at the residence of Mrs. Queen Shelton, on Madison street, September 10, for the benefit of the First Baptist Church. * * Mrs. Eliza Jones, who has been uqite sick, is improving. * * Dr. O'eNal was in Paducah a few days last week. * * Mr. Owen Fisher, of Chicago, is in the city. * * Mr. Aaron Cabell was in Cincinnati, O., recently attending the encampment. * * The Methodists had a barbecue September 12 and a social September 13 for the benefit of Rev. Dunavant. * * Dr. C. E. Gowdy has returned to this city after a brief visit at his home, in Nashville, Tenn. * * Master Charles Bunch met with a misfortune in having his head cut by another small boy. * * Miss Maymie Kennedy was slightly hurt in a runaway last Wednesday. * * Mr. Henry Hall is teaching at Anthoston, Ky. * * Miss Ida Goode entertained last week in honor of Miss Bukey, of Louisville.

A NATIONAL CONVENTION

OF NEGRO VOTERS—SHALL THERE B ONE?—A NEWARK, N. J.,

Correspondent Thinks There Should Be—He Gives Some Pointed and Logical Reasons to Back His Opinions.

Editor The Freeman; Sir: By a strange coincidence I find in the Christmas number of the Freeman two articles from the pens of two great political race leaders of different faiths—one being a Republican and the other a "Negro Democrat,"—so near alike in tone and make-up that I would have concluded, had I not known that the Hon. C. H. J. Taylor and Mr. A. M. Hodges were "at swords points, that they had made an agreement to write kindred articles.

In Mr. Taylor's article: "Should there there be a Negro Political Party?" and in Mr. Hodges' article: "The Political Duty of the Hour," we are reminded that the Negro is still a political power if he will use that power; we are reminded that as a factor of either great party he is either overlooked, fooled, neglected or forgotten; he is, however, the political balance of power at the national conventions and at the polls and—he is a fool if he does not use that power for his own political advancement. By all means let our leaders give us a Negro party. Let our generals take us out of both political camps and give us an opportunity to fight both "friend? and foe" as the next presidential election and the result will be good for the race. It will do more to get us our political rights than any other move upon the political chessboard. By all means let us have a national convention of Negro voters next summer or fall; let this ball be started to roll at once (through the columns of the Freeman); let it continue to roll until every black voter in the United States is enveloped in to it. The skeptic and pessimist may say: "what is the good of conventions? We have had conventions ever since the days of Emancipation. We have met and met; we have resolved and resolved; we have demanded and demanded, with no results. This is a white man's country (or he has resolved so to make it and we might as well be resigned to fate. Let us follow Bishop Turner's advice and go home to Africa." To such I would say Africa is NOT our "home," and if it were; could we return, we would find the nations of Europe itting by our firesides. Again agitation through public meetings, and conventions, was the birth of this republic, and in this age will always be the birth of reform. Disfranchised as we are in the South; forgotten after election, as we are in the North, there is not a Republican candidate who can be nominated without the Negro delegates; there is not a President, Republican or Democrat, who can be elected without the black vote, pro or con. Let us next year meet in national convention let us form a Negro party; let us put in the field, national, state and local tickets of full black men or Afro-Americans; let us work to poll the full black vote—let us stand up and be counted; let us not be led astray by the musical notes of "the Republican party feed you," or follow the vision of the "debt of gratitude;" let us not be frightened by the wrongs the Democrats have done us in the past or are doing us in the present; let us say: "A plague o' both your houses" and start one of our own. Suppose the Democratic candidate wins? He will owe his victory to the withdrawal of our votes in the North. Suppose the Republican candidate wins? He owe his victory to our action in the "doubtful States" which ever side wins will know that we were the indirect cause of their victory. Who elected Harrison? The black vote of the North. Who renominated Harrison? The black vote of the national Republican convention, and who defeated him at the polls? The black voters of the North whom he forgot to "reward" when he was in the presidential chair.

Let us by all means have a discussion (through the Freeman) upon the expediency of a convention of Negro voters; let us by all means have a national convention; let us by all means put in the field full tickets in every State from President down to pound master. Let me say in conclusion that I would respectfully suggest the following national race leaders, some of whom are Republicans some Democrats, some ed-

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MAJOR'S MELANGE.

A great and grave reason why there is so much restlessness among Negroes and a spirit of aggressiveness on the part of our apostles of trades schools, to induce our youths to embark upon the duties of farm and mechanical labor, is that the Negro has not learned the art of economy. He does not readily feel the great power and force that having dollars give to character and to life. He has not studied the art of holding on to a dollar. Neither has he considered seriously the purchasable value of a dollar. He does not watch the market prices, and does not buy what he is compelled to buy at advantage. The Negro makes money and if he used it properly there would be more wealth, comfort and independence and less unrest and seeming apathy.

Wanted.—A school wherein our young men may be taught to strictly know how to avoid luxuries, and to spend their money for the real necessities of life.

Wanted.—A semineary wherein our young women may be taught that they are to be the mothers of our future generations, and that being the highest glory of woman they must not strangle the life out of their own vitals by lacing tight; that silks, satins and ostrich feathers are but the gaudy gloss of fortune, and wealth is too rare amongst us for Negroes to afford them.

Let every colored gentleman in the land set his heart upon having a nice home, and while he is getting it, take out also a life insurance policy, so should he die before the home is paid for, his life policy when paid can liquidate remaining indebtedness, thus leaving his widow comfortable. What if she should marry again? That's her own business.

Then she will be indenpendent, the property being solely hers and her children.

The Negro men and women, boys and girls, young men and young women grin too much, laugh too much, and do it with a regularity and ease that is almost disgusting to think about. Every nation under heaven is getting more of this world's goods than the Negro. While they are in the stage of getting they wear on their faces a seriousness that lends dignity to their efforts. They will laugh bye and bye, and have a grinning Negro for a servant, too. Stop eternally laughing and grinning, and giggling, and get in line for earthly possessions.

Who has put a quietus on Rev. Dr. Ransom? I suppose by this time he has settled the labor question with the Chicago dailies, and having no more grave questions to arbitrate. He now contents himself with the small duties of a ministerial lamb administrator. Too quiet for a great genius like him.

While the versatile Dr. John M. Henderson is infusing new life in the great Negro weekly press more space is left the Christian Recorder for patent medicine advertisements and ripsaw editorials on the duties of the laity.

While the subject of more bishops will not down, it would be well for Rev. Jones, of Tennessee, to get acquainted with Rev. Dr. T. C. Denham, of Texas. He belongs to a family of bishops, being brother-in-law to both Bishops Grant and Armstrong. Why may he not take on the mantle fallen from Bishop Armstrong? Speak, Rev. Jones, and in the meantime find out that Dr. Denham is a competent candidate from the west.

Prof. Booker T. Washington will settle a grave question when he admits to the reading world that he quoted from Hon. Henry W. Grady, when he made his Atlanta speech, and used the following metaphor: "United as the hand but separate as the fingers." It is the expression of a southern man, and means union of north and south, but complete seperation of distinct races. It sounds pretty and suits the white man's notion entirely, mulatto children to the contrary notwithstanding.

Now that the Eighth Illinois is stationed for garrison duty at Santiago, it would be well for a few southern men who live there to study the Negro in his new role. We can say one thing for a certainty; there will be no lynching outrages in eastern Cuba, unless the Negro soldiers have the best hand of the deal. Manhood travels in a gun powder can.

The race is making solid and respectable progress. That a few degenerates break into the ranks of decency and soon show their ilk, is no reflection upon the good and respectable representatives of the race, and it should not be so considered. It is a demonstrated fact, and easy to prove in any city, that the white outcast, alas! too frequently steps down and out of some of the best families. God's wrath upon the children unto the third and fourth generation abundantly proves that He is no respector of families or persons.

Putting obstacles in the way of the race is an easy operation, but as easily overcome. There was a time when scoundrels thought they could dam the progress of a few million Negroes. It wont work now. Education is too general to effect a race blockade. The Negro will get into port every time, or there is no sea. Major Taylor, with his little wheel, has made this proposition pass all argument, with the insinuation of "greased lightning."

With thousands of our race, religion is simply a moaning, groaning sound, and sound occupies with the vast majority a higher seat than reason. Religion is not reduced to a practice, but recognized in the illiterate by a sonorous, hair-raising moan, a meek dejected, long face and bowed head. Bigotry, love for yellow women and yellow legged children serve to hinder the simple redemption from such a life. A hope for high heaven depends upon this dreamy, spiritual nature, shoutings, rejoicings fore merely nothing. White Christians (?) sell this class of Negroes Bibles on the installment plan (taking the advantage of their religious sincerity and intoxication) containing pictures that teach that all angels are white as snow, and Satan as black as a Negro. The poor ignorant preacher falls in a fit of hysterics over this huge commodity that the white man sells him out of mere financial speculation, and imagines when he is looking upon the pages made of old rags and linen, he is looking into the very face of God. (Pity on such ignorance.)

'Tis a pleasure joyous to contemplate that notwithstanding the Negro is accused of petty theft, he does not rob banks, hold up express trains, nor set fire to towns and make this old world so suspicious of daily terror that one might think that we are in close approach to hell's gate. If the white man is guilty of what he is so often punished for, then it is no wonder that a Negro will snatch an old worn out hen occasionally.

We are ceasing to be the blind tool of the past, and passing rapidly with the multiplicity of new and tried appliances of the present into a future grander still, fraught with the facilities that Edison nor Tesla have never yet comprehended. When the sunlight of American advancement and progress is beaming down upon the generations in the next decades to come a cycle of Negro progress will be registered on the cyclometer teaching the world that earnest endeavor is the death knell to unfashionable prejudice and that opportunity makes all men equal, and that six feet of earth makes all men one size.

Editorial invectives upon the race in white dailies may be considered aspersions, but there is no vindication in that gives the little narrow brained editor, nor even his readers for that matter, the slightest ease or satisfaction. They try to content themselves on being white, but a goat is white. The American curse is color prejudice. A few more doses of J. C. Price, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, J. W. E. Bowen, Peter Jackson and Major Taylor will cure this reigning prejudice—colorphobia.

If B. Square or R. W. Thompson should ever again go up against Pap Noah Baxter, the writer desires to be the bottle holder, while Edward Elmer Brock acts as referee. The reason is plain. We once lived in Texas and the Gordian knot of fellowship remains yet undimmed by time. It's reverence for age. Uncle Noah is quite old, and living upon the brink of Marble Falls and also the verge of the grave, we insist that he must have fair play. Thompson's last encounter with him took the old man's wind, and B. Square's hard knocks almost silenced the old fellow. Luckily he still lives to see the progress of the race pushed as far as Santiago.

Think of Major Taylor when you name the baby boy.

Yours doomed to immortality,
M. A. MAJORS, M. D.
Decatur, Ill.

Past Salaries of Actors.

A number of autograph letters of Edmund Kean supply some interesting information about the salaries of actors early in the century. One relates to an offer by Mr. Ellison offering Kean £3 a week as acting manager of "the new theater in Wych street." Later this rose as high as £25 a month. In 1826 Kean was offered $12,000 a year to go to America. In the prime of his popularity he received £200 for a week in Edinburgh, and apparently reached the highest point when Mr. Bunn wrote from the Theater Royal, Dublin, on Feb. 8, 1829, and offered him £50 a night to play in Dublin and Cork.—Liverpool Mercury.

Life of a Battleship.

Naval experts have put down the active life of a modern battleship at about 15 years. A hundred years ago battleships lasted nearly six times as long and were on active service nearly the whole time of their commission. The Victory, for instance, was 40 years old when she acted as Nelson's flagship at the memorable battle of Trafalgar. A line of battle ship, the Royal William, was built at Chatham in 1670 and was not broken up until 1813, being rebuilt several times before her final demise.

The Laplanders drink a great deal of smoked snow water, and one of the national drinks of the Tonquinese is arrack flavored with chickens' blood.

The sacred crocodiles of Egypt were buried with her proudest kings.

No Cause For Commiseration.

"Poor Dibbles! They say he got a pair of beautiful black eyes lately. I feel sorry for him."

"You needn't. He got a very handsome girl with them."—Short Skits.

A Baldheaded Reply.

A naval officer, very well and favorably known in London, has for some unknown reason been advanced in his profession very slowly, though he has grown gray in the service and indeed lamentably bald. Recently one of his juniors was bold enough to question him as to his remarkable absence of hair.

"How comes it that you are so very bald?"

The officer replied promptly and with much vindictiveness:

"You, man, you would be bald, I think, if you had had men stepping over your head for years in the way I have."—London Judy.

Different Ideas as to Clothes.

If the native women of Sumatra have their knees properly covered, the rest does not matter. The natives of some islands off the coast of Guinea wear clothes only when they are going on a journey. Some Indians of Venezuela are ashamed to wear clothes before strangers, as it seems indecent to them to appear unpainted.

NAVAL NAVIGATORS.

THEY HAVE MANY VERY SERIOUS DUTIES TO PERFORM.

Besides a Thorough Nautical Training the Officer Who Navigates a Man-of-war Must Be Possessed of a Vast Fund of Technical Scientific Knowledge.

It is doubtful if any office in the navy, aside from an absolute command, involves so vast a responsibility as that of navigator of a man-of-war. The duties of this important station in former years fell to officers of the rank of master, but with the abolition of that grade its affairs devolved upon the lieutenants holding the highest numbers on the list. Upon the navigator of a warship depends not only the task of shaping the vessel's course for any point across the seas to which her destinies may direct her, but also the responsibility of piloting her in and out of harbor and of selecting a safe anchorage for her in every port visited during the period of her cruise. Hence, it follows that, combined with a thorough nautical training, the competent navigator must be possessed of a vast fund of geographical, meteorological and hydrographical knowledge. While at sea, he must know the vessel's position to a degree, which necessitates his taking frequent observations of the celestial bodies and making solutions of intricate problems in geometry and trigonometry, such as constantly arise through deviations, brought about by innumerable causes, from her given course.

Unquestionably the most important element in navigation, because of its infallibility under ordinary conditions, in determining the latitude, longitude and error in the ship's compass, is what is known in maritime phraseology as "nautical astronomy." With the aid of a sextant or quadrant for measuring the altitude of the heavenly bodies above the horizon or their distance from each other, a timepiece to mark the instant of an observation, a chronometer to show the time at the first meridian, a nautical almanac and an azimuth compass, the navigator can readily determine his position with the utmost exactitude.

The average voyage is more or less characterized by erroneous estimates in distances sailed, in varying currents, careless steering, deviation in the compass and numerous other obstacles, and upon the navigator rests the responsibility of adjusting such errors. In long passages across the open sea the navigator is governed by a rather complex combination of motives, which may be summed up as follows: To cover the required distance in the shortest space of time with the smallest expenditure of fuel and the least wear and tear of the vessel that is possible.

With these objects in view the navigator must prior to sailing superintend personally the stowing of the hold, the arrangement of ballast, water, provisions, stores, etc., and the inspection and adjustment of the motive appliances of the ship, all of which features, severally and collectively, greatly affect her speed and seaworthiness.

If his vessel possesses the facilities for making sail, he must while at sea exercise the keenest judgment and foresight as to utilizing the same, for sail used to good advantage is a great saver of coal, while otherwise, if used indiscriminately, it may entail much loss of time. The expert navigator draws the line with exceeding fineness between a high fair wind and a gale, making the most of the former as long as his vessel is not jeopardized, heaving her to at just the proper period and getting under way again at the first sign of moderation in the weather. The commander of a warship reposes the utmost confidence in a skilled and careful navigator and rarely interferes with his plans. Another of the numerous details coming under the navigator's supervision is the keeping of the ship's log. This is commenced by him at the time the vessel is placed in commission, and its pages record the events of each succeeding day. There is absolutely nothing which transpires officially on board of a man-of-war that is not written in the log, and each day the navigator must carry it to the commanding officer for his inspection. At the expiration of every six months the ship's log must be closed and forwarded to the navy department at Washington, where it is placed among the records.

The navigator is provided with a large and varied assortment of instruments and appliances designed to facilitate his work. While in port he is often detailed to make surveys of portions of the coast line which may be defective upon the charts or to determine the exact location of rocks or shoals which hitherto have not been marked with sufficient accuracy.

The navigator has charge of all the various weather indicators of the vessel and must render quarterly reports of all meteorological observations. These are taken at regular intervals by the quartermaster of the watch and fully entered upon the ship's log. The navigator must regularly inspect the steering gear, compasses, anchors and chain cables of the ship and daily report their condition to the commanding officer. He must also keep a separate book in which are recorded all calculations relating to the navigation of the vessel and in which no erasures are permitted to be made. At the expiration of the cruise this book is forwarded to the bureau of navigation.

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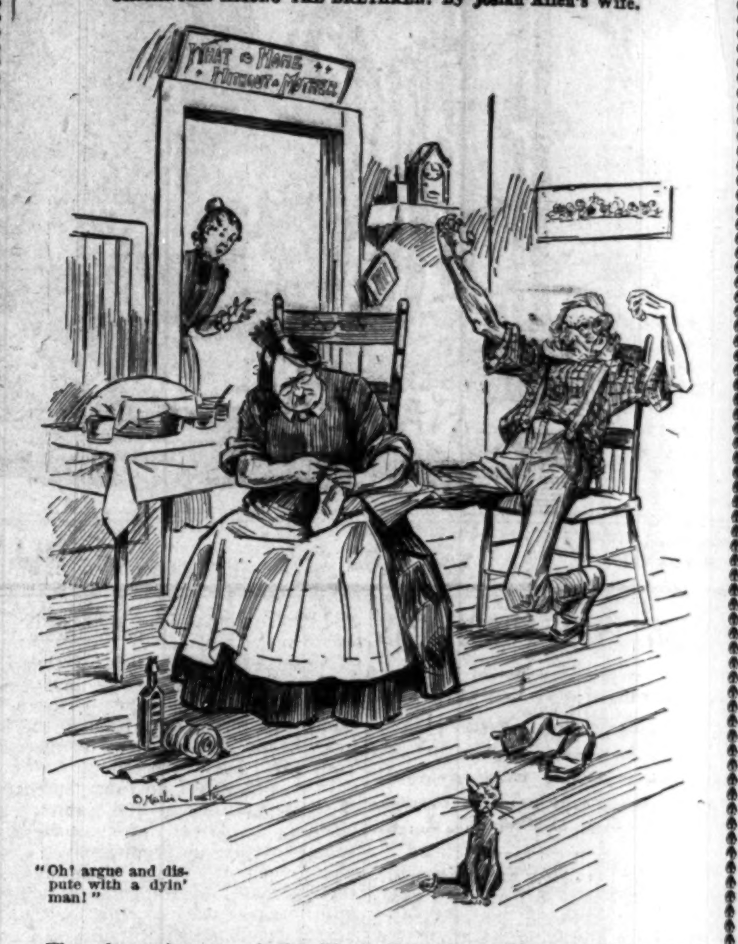
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General News

TILTING THE EARTH.

A Matter of Scientific Interest, if Not of Practical Value.

M. Fouche, the vice president of the French Astronomical society, has invented a way of altering the present inclination of the earth's axis to the ecliptic. What he wants to do it for is not very clear. Perhaps, however, he doesn't want to do it and merely puts forward his method as one possessing a purely academic interest. At all events, it is worthy of the attention of company promoters.

All that has to be done, as described by Invention, is to dig an enormous circular ditch, say, in Africa or South America (its center must be on the equator) and to fill it with sea water. Fresh water will do if you can get enough of it, but as the radius of the ditch is to be a few hundred miles that is hardly likely. Having got your ditch full of sea water, nothing remains but to make it race round and round in the trench, whereupon the earth's axis will begin to point toward different quarters of the heavens from those it indicates at present. The amount of deviation will depend on the radius of the ditch, the amount of water it holds, the speed at which the latter moves and the time during which the motion is kept up.

We may suggest to M. Fouche that when a sufficient sphere of French influence has been secured in Africa he might have a trench dug and then by its use get all the ice melted round each of the present poles. French explorers could then discover them, whereupon the action of the trench would be stopped and the present climatic conditions restored. France could then remain as long as she wished the only nation to have reached the celebrated points on the earth's surface. As the digging of the ditch will be very expensive we make no charge for this suggestion.—Invention.

A TOUCHY OLD COMMODORE.

Insisted on Running His Own Man-of-war Even on Sundays.

A story is told of an old commodore at the Boston yard whose method of measuring religious affairs was with the same inexorable rule used for temporal things. One Sunday morning he was aroused from his nap by something out of the usual routine being announced from the pulpit, and he sternly addressed the chaplain with: "What's that? What's that?" The chaplain demurely repeated the notice that "by order of the bishop of the diocese divine service will be performed in this chapel on Thursday evening next," etc.

"By whose order?"

"By order of the bishop of the diocese, sir."

"Well," thundered the commodore, "I'll let you know that I am bishop of this diocese, and when I want service in this chapel I'll let you know. Pipe down," and he cleared the chapel.

On one occasion he heard a different voice in the pulpit from usual, and, looking up, he asked: "Who is that up there? Is that you, Billy McMasters?"

"Yes, sir."

(Billy was a religious foreman in the yard who sometimes helped the chaplain along.)

"Come down out of that," thundered the commodore. "When I want a relief for the chaplain, I'll appoint one. Don't you ever let me catch you up there again," and he cleared the chapel again.—"On a Man-of-War."

The Poor Mother-in-law.

Mother-in-law stories are a drug on the market, but this one seems to be a little less druggy than usual.

A man and his wife went to Europe, and the man's mother-in-law went along. Up to this point there is no novelty in the story.

On the voyage the mother-in-law fell ill and died. Of course, she had to be buried at sea, and so the usual canvas sack was made, but instead of an iron weight to sink the body they used a bag of coal.

In commenting on the arrangements afterward the bereaved son-in-law, who stuttered badly, said:

"I—I always knew where m-m-m-mother-in-law was g-going, but b-b-blame me if I s-s-supposed she'd have t-to carry her own f-f-fuel!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Children as Grammarians.

Two little tots of 4 and 5 years respectively, living out of town, were anxiously awaiting the arrival of a favorite uncle from whom they were expecting a visit. The train came in, but no guest appeared, to the bitter disappointment of the little ones. They ran to their mother for consolation, the younger one saying:

"Mamma, don't you think Uncle Ned oughter come?"

"You mustn't say oughter; say shooder," put in the 5-year-old, with all the dignity that such a correction would imply.—New York Tribune.

An English Joke.

Mother—Why don't you play with that American boy?

Boy—He tells stories.

Mother—He does?

Boy—Yes. He came from New York, and he says he never saw an Indian or a buffalo.—London Sun.

An Old English Firm.

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Fifty years ago Austria had seven cities with more than 20,000 inhabitants. Today there are 32.

Profanity is forbidden by both the army and the navy regulations of the United States.

INSECT HEAVY DRINKERS.

Butterflies Sit For Hours Sucking More Moisture Than Needed.

By means of a large number of observations Mr. J. W. Tutt is able to confirm what has been stated by other observers that certain butterflies and moths are very much addicted to drink. In a paper published in the "proceedings" of the South London Entomological and Natural History society Mr. Tutt says there can be no doubt that butterflies drink more than is required by their tissues under any possible conditions. He has known *Polyommatus damon* to sit for more than an hour motionless except for the slight movement of sucking up and discharging the moisture almost continuously.

What this internal bath may really mean cannot be surmised. Another important factor as to this drinking habit is a strange one, the "thirsty souls," as far as his observation goes, being almost entirely males. Possibly if exact observations could be made it might be found that females in small numbers also visit puddles, pools and streams for drinking purposes, but as far as Mr. Tutt has been able to discover it is the males alone who indulge in these copious libations, while the females are away laying eggs. Moths and butterflies of both sexes visit sugar, overripe fruit and similar dainties, but they do so for food. The males alone seem to be attracted by pure water, and Mr. Tutt suggests that, their extra activity having originally given them greater need in this direction, a habit which was at first a necessity has become so pleasurable that excessive drinking has literally become a vice.

MUSIC FROM HEAVEN.

Charming German Method of Summoning Church Worshipers.

While religious music will doubtless live as long as religion itself there is one branch of it—if music it can be called—which is luckily becoming obsolete. I refer to bells and chimes. I shall never forget the look of distress with which a famous organist once said to me that whenever he heard a set of chimes he wished he could put his ears in his pocket.

In these days of $1 nickel watches bells are no longer needed to inform people when the service begins. They are, moreover, a decided nuisance, and often a dangerous one, for they have killed many invalids whose life depended upon a few hours' sleep, which the bells murdered. In New York bell ringing has been frequently stopped on account of complaints to the board of health.

If it seems desirable to have a means of summoning worshipers to church, why not adopt the delightful old custom that is still observed in some south German villages and in the city of Stuttgart? There four trombone players ascend a church tower three times a day and play a solemn chorale.

In all my musical experience I have never heard anything more thrilling than those majestic harmonies in the air, which seemed to come straight from heaven. If our churches would adopt this custom and these celestial sounds became associated with religious experiences, they might arouse the dormant devotion of many a one who otherwise would pass the church door by.—Forum.

Swenson Obeyed Instructions.

It was in an aristocratic Hyde Park home. The well trained English butler had left, and the newly engaged man, a Swede, was in process of breaking in. Callers came, and he took the cards to his mistress in his ungloved hands, leaving the silver card tray resting quietly in the hall.

"When you bring things in here, Swenson," said she, "use the tray. It is not proper to bring them in your hands."

"Yaas," he replied.

Mrs. H. Park had a new toy terrier. The guests wished to see it, and she sent for Swenson to fetch it.

Soon there was a succession of staccato yelps and whines. The door opened, a very red faced Swenson appeared with the silver tray in his left hand and a tiny dog terrier held firmly down on it with the other.—London Globe.

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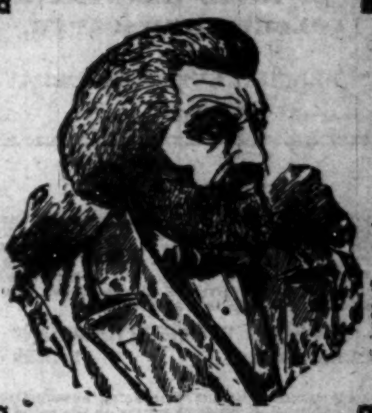

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BEYOND THEMSELVES.

A few days ago the papers stated that a Scotch girl who had been wooed and won by a Negro in her native home had come over to this country to marry the Negro, who had himself at some former period returned to America. It it now related that the immigration officials of New York took it upon themselves to show the girl the lowest order of Negro communities in order to prejudice her against the man. It is said that the kindly rendered services of the officials will not have the desired effect. It can not be conceived just why these officials should use their offices in trying to righten the law of selection in matrimonial affairs, and most especially when it comes to prejudicing one individual against the other on account of previous condition, color or for any reason whatsoever. The constitution that was sworn to be held up by these individuals when they "took" office has been violated, for it is set forth in spirit that that manner or mode of action permitted one man is the rule of action for every other man. Besides the immigration office is no matrimonial bureau. The aforesaid constitution of the United States permits the marriage of whites and blacks or any other combinations. It matters not how repugnant the idea seems, this repugnance rests in sentiment that caters to the appearance and not to the heart. If State constitutions forbid the union of blacks and whies it is contrary to the doctrine of the constitution, and stands simply out of the great prejudices of the whites against the blacks and not because of the legality. Courts are enthroned in prejudices when it comes to the color question, and hence the statutes of States wherein black laws exist are likely to remain the laws of such States until sentiment has changed front. The Negroes are apt to be too severe in condemning courts that shut their eyes to plain facts and justice, thereby making operative just such conditions as denied by the constitution. But in condemning these courts it should be borne in mind that the created has scarcely ever been known to surpass the creator. The courts are the people and the people have not decreed to destroy the people. Thus it can be readily developed that judges of courts have themselves to maintain—a future to insure. They know that it is suicidal to render any opinion that stands out against the majorities in wealth, refinements and all the essentials that constitute citizenship. The government is too weak to enforce its own decrees when it comes to a question of the races. Republics are not the institutions that can always take the bit in the teeth. The King in this instance is the people and the foremost officeholder down to him that handles the broom perish if great popular will is unheeded. Man is not as a rule a self-sacrificing creature and in our form of government in politics any ends justify the means. Hence we are not likely to have State Supreme Courts; nor United States Supreme Courts reversing the decrees of the people, albeit they are founded in tyranny and oppression. These, the black laws of the various States, that so foully belie the constitution, will remain until a new era dawns that gives promise of better things. If in the matters of matrimony there must be lines of prohibition drawn, then will obtain the other doctrine of love without the State's sanction. Human hearts and affections are not to be separated by artificial walls erected at man's caprice. There is no third party to such transactions further than what the State requires as to age and such matters. Any proceedure such as that instituted by the bureau of immigration (and not matrimony, if you please) of New York is to be viewed with apprehension and is subversive of rights of American citizens. Such actions are a species of those little big things that are so menacing and so infectious. The fact of the matter is that it rests entirely with this Scotch girl and her Negro lover as to their future conduct.

So Judge Prouty, of Oklahoma, was not lynched by Negroes, as was reported, for not giving them justice. The judge does not need lynching, but a good ousting. The Negroes have not gone into the devil's own business, as stated. The blacks are law-abiding; the whites are law breakers. Quite a difference. See!

Cuba is being greased that she may be easily gulped down.

The Colored American is throwing a lot of bouquets at the race for reasons more or less obvious. The race in itself is all right, but the idea is to make the other fellow see it and this sop is likely to blind his eyes and the contest for his civil liberties will thereby be impeded. And pray what if we are all that no one but the race would have known it except for this telling? How can we best impress the other race and in conseuenqce get the same treatment accorded any man?

The accumulation of money, the acuqiring of an education that has not the elevation of the race in mind in just so much effort spent in securing a good time. The civil liberties of the people are being frittered away yearly. There are cities in this country in which a millionaire Negro would starve to death if his own people should not feed him. It is true that he might buy his food in bulk, but when it comes to being entertained in hostelries and such places it would be far different. What's to be done about it?

"Jim crow" street cars have been introduced in Augusta, Ga. This is a sample of the invasion of civil rights that needs prompt attention. It is a child of that other infamy, "jim crow" railway cars. Those who are flimflamming the race about its accomplishments should recognize in this class of wrongs the greatest insult paid one people by another. Let the race stop its mutual admiration society; resolving what "we are," for "we are" simply nothing as long as some one is resolving "we are's" rights away.

WHY ANNEX THE PHILLIPINES?

Booker T. Washington usually has keen sight and a reason for the faith that is in him. When a religious newspaper asked his opinion "as to the disposition which our government should make of the Philippine Islands"—as if we already had them—Mr. Washington replied:

"My opinion is that the Philippine Islands should be given the opportunity to govern themselves. They will make mistakes, but will learn from these errors. Until our nation has settled the Negro and Indian problems I do not think we have a right to assume more social problems."

Beside the vague and dazed responses from a dozen doctors of divinity the answer of this able Negro stood out with clear shining on the pages of the Chicago Advance.—Springfield Republican.

Mr. Washington has spoken out clearly on this subject, which has become one of the few great questions this country has to settle. Great because the end can not be seen from the beginning, nor even imagined, not that all results are seen at the beginning of the experiment, but there are some results that are as certainly calculated from the beging in event no unusual conditions arise in the meanwhile. The most brilliant example of a nation's extremity is the Negro question. In this question there are no settled governmental convictions. One move in a certain direction simply unbalances the question in another direction; hence the policy of abiding the time is the one employed as the safest. It is true that now and then, here and there, the government attempts to make some show of authority, which show is tentative and recedes in the face of that bugaboo, State's Rights. And under the influence of that fear mobs thrive, "jim crow" car laws increase and disfranchisement that throttles the very constitution itself are rampant. These are the three priminent race evils, with their thousands of concurrent minor evils. These greater evils must be struck down before the minor ones deserve attention. This government is not prepared to annex countries peopled by the darker races and will not be until there is a change of heart concerning them. It is safe to say that any local disorders arising from the government of these people would result to the discredit of Negroes in America. The desire for conquest is the national theme and territorial expansion is the dream of every schoolboy, but the cost has not been estimated. Eight millions of people are now clamoring for justice within the walls of the country. In enlarging the glory of the flag, does it mean a corresponding debasement of these? What boots it if the blacks were brave at El Caney? The question is, will it disarm a mob? Will it repeal a single disfranchising enactment? Will it break into firewood that studied affront, the "jim crow" car? Glory as an abstract theme may mean something to Negroes, but unless it strikes off the shackles, it is but tinkling cymbals and sounding brass. It may be premature to cast so caustic summary, but these towers on the walls of prejudice show no signs of weakening, and in event they did from the very fact of their erection, language concerning them need not be overly elegant. Mr. Washington is right. The evils of our own land is all absorbing and the government's hands are filled.

There are people in our country who are chiding the Cubans for chafing at the drift of sentiment of this country concerning them. Well, who would blame them for being a trifle anxious when the trend of events is towards the absorption of their country? The Cubans should have their independence if but a day long; let them be the architects of their own fate. We trust our government will not be guilty of a single act in the matter that may be construed as infidelity—thus belieing those great principles of humanity and philanthropy so industriously paraded.

It is a fact worthy of consideration, especially by the Negro voters of the United States, that at the outgoing of the Harrison administration there was employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, 87 Negro girls, as printers' assistants. These young women had all passed a satisfactory civil service examination, had been duly certified, and most of them had served their six months probation under Capt. W. M. Meredith, who was Chief of the Bureau during President Harrison's term of office. Mr. Cleveland made John G. Carlisle Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Claude M. Johnson, of Lexington, Ky., was appointed Chief of the Bureau, and almost immediately the sacrifice of the Negro people commenced. At the end of Mr. Cleveland's administration, of the 87 colored girls who had been employed there remained only three or four.

Over two years have passed of President McKinley's administration, and no step has been taken toward the reinstatement of these poor girls who were dismissed upon one pretence or another, but really because they were Negroes and offensive to Chief Johnson. Not only has the chief allowed race prejudice to influence him in reference to colored women, but good colored men, who had served during the war in the union ranks were removed, and have not been reinstated. Why has Mr. Johnson been retained in office? Why has he not been compelled to do justice to the poor people he has sacrificed? These are questions that should be carefully considered and satisfactorily answered before another election. It is said that recently Chief Johnson has accepted three colored girls who have passed the examination. But this does not by any means paliate past offenses. He should be fully investigated and a satisfactory reason should be given for every removal. If this is not done the retention of Mr. Johnson will prove an ineffaceable blot upon the McKinley administration—an outrage upon the colored people of the land

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Read Mr. Taylor in "Consider Our Answer."

That $5,000 kiss is making the rounds. It's a good thing; shove it along.

The Macon Sentinel, of Georgia, reproduces The Freeman's editorial on disarmament, but the proofreader failed to get a whack at it.

Dewey stands at the head of the editorial columns of the Brotherhood, Natchez, Miss., for President in 1899. It desires to be the original Dewey organ.

Charles Blalock, white, and a Negro had a row in a saloon in Houston, Tex. Result: Both white man and Negro are dead. Since they would fight the result is highly satisfactory.

The Negroes of the country expected a commissioner on the board known as the Industrial Commission, but they have been thrown down, it seems, for it is understood the commission is made up.

In speaking of retaining Cuba the Memphis Scimitar says: "The probability is that we shall have just that thing to do and we might as well make up our minds to do it." So the lamb is to be eaten at all hazards.

Ben Jones, sixty-eight years old, a white man, was lynched for an assault on an eleven-year-old girl in Clay County, Missouri. The above information is quite out of the ordinary. The mobbing of course was unjustifiable, but we are not yet prepared to defend Mr. Jones for divers reasons.

Colonel Roosevelt, of New York, has won his way well into the hearts of the Negroes. He has on all occasions testified to their valor at Santiago. It is truly refreshing to note the genuine fervor in his speech when referring to the "Black Regiment." Hurrah for Roosevelt!

The statue of Frederick Douglass, which has been unveiled at Rochester, N. Y., is the first memorial of this character erected in his honor in this country, we believe. Rochester was the legal residence of Mr. Douglass for many years and it was so at the time of his death.

The Negroes of Illinois are on the alert. They have called a convention of representative men to meet at Springfield September 27 and 28 to shape future movements that will tend to correct the abuses heaped on them by statutory enactments and other methods. The State is thoroughly aroused and the country may look for anything as the result of the deliberations.

CONDITION OF LIBERIA.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—A. J. Cross, an American-born colored man from Sierra Leone, has arrived here from Liverpool. He comes to protest against foreign aggression in Liberia. He says the present government is working in the interest of Germans, French and English, against Americans. He states that recent attacks on Sierra Leone by the natives were caused by the brutality of the foreign police, and that over 1,500 persons were killed by the natives under the charge of a warrior named Biburra.

The condition of Liberia, it may be seen needs investigation. From time to time this paper has endeavored to direct general attention to this struggling republic, and especially since Bishop Hartzel, of the M. E. Church, has wielded his powerful influence in its behalf. The bishop, who could only be actuated by the loftiest motives, has seen fit to importune the leading men in and out of office in order that some action might be taken in defense of those objects for which the country was set apart. As yet small heed has been taken of the mater, either by the race or those in authority. It is left to A. J. Cross to make a pilgrimage to this country to appear in person at court to plead for the presesrvation of that country. The ignoble failure of the republic under the rule of black men is just so much experience contributed to that, we hope erroneous belief, that the blacks are to be governed only. Hayti, perhaps, stands the single disputant of such a wholesale assertion, nor can it be said that Hayti is a true example, for removing the French substructure and the later day capsheaf of civilization and progress would be a subject of debate. However, this is not a thesis on what might have been. A condition confronts the Republic of Liberia, and not a theory. It would have been well for the race to have secured a lasting patrimony in Africa, wrung out of chaos, and confusion by its own efforts in order to refute the calumnating assertions of the past, which up to this time seems justifiable in the light of the apparent failures. But argument on the subject does not help Liberia. The country is threatened with disintegration from within and absorption from without. That the country has been its own arbiter or architect can not be denied. It simply built unwisely—foolishly. It attempted to set up a Negro aristocracy, and in accordance with the well known passion of human kind attempted to lord it over the wilder brother of the bush, as it is termed, rather than inviting a general participation in affairs which would have been attended by results that would have redounded to the good of the colony. It is said that lessons are often learned through adversity; but the doubtful experiment of reforming Liberia by destroying her would not in this case prove efficacious to a race that has learned to love to brood over and parade its wounds as a soldier his scars obtained in honorable warfare.

Failure in this case would be the greatest calamity that could befall Negroes wherever they be situated. Their contentions in America would simply equal presumption. Liberia, supposed to have been endowned with the best Negro brains, now goes sniveling off the stage chattering like an idiot. It is to the Negro's interest that Liberia stands intact. And unless they are devoured or gangrened by selfishness they will see that our country injects an elixir of life in the rapidly decomposing institution. Let congress look after its protege. It is not perhaps, after all, sufficient to plant alone. The plant may need much watering. Establish a protectorate singly or jointly and appropriate a few thousand dollars in modern machinery and appliances useful to such countries. The simple hand as such in these days can not compete with the brains and capital. These have always been wanting in the porblem of Liberia. The lack of these essentials alongside their singular notions of life, which forbid their marriage with the natives, would contribute to the downfall of an institution with a much broader base than Liberia ever had. At all events let us save Liberia.

Aguinaldo professes entire ignorance of the autonomous system of the British colonies, of protectorates and of the autonomy of the American States. He claims that he only understands absolute independence, the thing for which his people have been contending for years. To be a fool at this crisis is very convenient and it requires a fairly smart individual to be a successful fool.

The Industrial Headlight, of Summerville, S. C., says that everything in that State is "jim crowed."

Opinions of the Press.

Mary Anderson, a colored cook of Indianapolis, is suing John Graham, her white employer, for $5,000 for kissing her against her will.—Galveston Gazette.

Cuba would not be a bad place for the American Negro to try his hand at pioneering. With push and vim the American Negro could indeed make it the pearl of the Antilles.—The Pioneer.

The Afro-American must fight for whatever he wants. The price of life, liberty, protection, honor, place, influence, power and wealth, is ceaseless struggle.—Observer, Xenia, Ohio. True as gospel, my brother.—The Pioneer, Indian Ter.

The Michigan Representative serves notice on Republican candidates that it will not suport any of them who are not in favor of doing what is right by the Afro-American. It claims that the time has gone by when promises will suffice.—The Helena Progress, Helena, Ark.

The question now that is agitating the minds of the best thinkers of this country is: "Is God a white man or a big black Negro?" Yes, I feel certain that you will answer that he is a big white man, but remember that will not make it true. Who knows what kind of a color God has? He may be a red man.—Macon (Ga.) Observer.

A certain Mr. John Graham, a resident of Indianapolis, Ind., has come into public notice by kissing and hugging his colored cook. His cook brought suit against him for $5,000. It is not best to indulge in osculatory performances even with a colored cook, while much of this is done. Kissing and hugging at random will cost you something, $5,000.—Macon (Ga.) Observer.

Lawlessness in Florida must be put down, and unfaithful officers of the law must be condemned. And those papers and citizens who are doing what they can to have the laws properly and constantly enforced and strictly and faithfully obeyed by all are benefactors to our state and worthy of the respect and commendation of all good citizens.—The Florida Evangelist.

The Negro newspaper is doing more for the race than all other agencies combined. We are fighting the battles of our people by making arguments each week not only to our own people but to the white race. Many of the race are treating the Negro newspapers splendidly, while there are others who are doing nothing. Those who ought to do most are doing least.—Atlanta (Ga.) Appeal.

The Kansas Republicans believe in using the colored men of the state in their campaign work. Last week the state committee announced that the following colored campaign speakers had been engaged: Judge T. F. Bradley, Hon. B. S. Smith, and Lawyer Paul Jones, of Kansas City, Kas.; Geo. W. Ellis, of Lawrence; Jas. H. Guy, of Topeka; W. B. Townsend, of Leavenworth, and Corvine Patterson, of Kansas City, Kas.—Conservator.

Indianapolis, the home of ex-President Harrison, bids fair to add immensely to its fame and prestige. A white man is being sued to the amount of $5,000 damages for kissing his colored cook. It is not often that colored cooks raise an objection as large as this against being kissed by their white male employers. Giving currency to this item, however, may result in numerous suits of similar character in other parts of the country, and encouraging good morals.—The American Presbyterian.

Attorney Frank Wheaton, of Minneapolis, Minn., has the proud distinction of being the first Negro to be nominated for the Legislature of that State.

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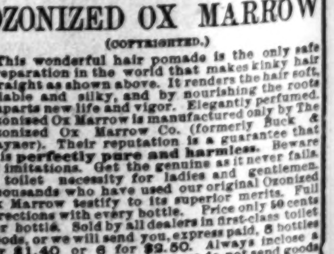

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ROUTE.

Black Patti Troubadours—Kingston, N. Y., Sept. 19; Peekskill, 20; Newburg, 21; Port Jervis, 22; Middletown, 23; Poughkeepsie, 24.

"Big Sensation"—Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 19-24.

Isham's "Octoroons"—Washington, D. C., Sept. 19-24.

John W. Vogel's "Darkest America"—Beaver Falls, Pa., Sept. 23; New Castle, 24.

Oriental Octoroons (Boyer's)—Waseca, Minn., Sept. 23; Eagle Grove, Ia., 24.

Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels—Moberly, Mo., 24; Macon, 26; Kirksville, 27; Ottumwa, Ia., 28; Oskaloosa, 29; Moline, Ill., 31; Davenport, Ia., Oct. 1.

P. T. Wright Nashville Students—Sheffield, Ill., Sept. 26.

Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Big Minstrels Festival—Hallettville, Tex., Sept. 23; Yoakum, 24.

"South Before the War.—Mandan, N. D., Sept. 24; Billings, Mont., 27-28; Livingston, 29; Bozeman, Oct. 1.

Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin, Company A (George M. Forepaugh, manager) Chicago, 20; Aurora 21; Sycamore, 22; Rockford, 23; Freeport, 24; Beloit, Wis., 26; Watertown, 27.

Williams and Walker's Co.—Cincinnati, O., Sept. 19-24.

Washburn's Double Minstrels—Gallipolis, O., Sept. 24; Parkersburg, W. Va., 26.

JAMES WHITE.

The above is an excellent likeness of Mr. James White, the ever-popular comedian who has during his career in the amusement world, caused millions to laugh. At an early age "Jimmy," as he is familiarly called by hundreds of citizens of Indianapolis, showed his ability as a funmaker, appearing in church concerts and amateur minstrels; his professional debut was made with the P. T. Wright's Nashville Students, and since that he has appeared prominently in the following well known standard organizations: Al G. Field's Colored Minstrels, "Darkest America," Richards, and Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, Georgia Graduates, and Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels, where he is making a greater hit than ever. His good work on the end in the first part and in the olio never fails to bring applause nightly.

Scott's Colored Minstrels—S. R. O. Lawrence, Kas.

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Johnson and Dean were in Kansas City last week.

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H. La She sends regards to Allie Brown, of Scott's Minstrels.

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Billy McClain will bring out "The Black Politician" late this fall.

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The Norrises—Wesley and Corinne—were at the Harlem Music Hall last week.

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Richard Byron is interlocutor with the Leland Melroy Real Negro Minstrels.

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John Purnell is still looking for a backer for his play—"In the Swamps of Louisiana."

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The Cheathams are drawing largely at the Old Plantation at the Omaha Exposition.

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It is rumored that Mr. Lawrence Chenault is soon to wed one of Columbus, O., society belles.

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James Brown, "Old Hoss," brother of Tom Brown, comedian, is in New York City, playing dates.

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Miss Sadie Price, of Trinity choir, with the "South Before the War" company, sends regards to all.

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While in Topeka, F. M. Hailstock and F. W. Simpson, Scott's Colored Minstrels, were entertained by Mr. John M. Wright, County Clerk. Mr. Wright is a bright young colored man, who has been in the employ of the county for several years.

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The Bartons were great cards as the "Classic Posers" at the Lyceum Theater, Boston, Mass., last week.

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D. W. Sanders and his riding monkey played Smith's opera house, Grand Rapids, Mich., week of Sept. 5.

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Jones, Grant and Jones, in their singing and dancing, were popular favorites at Proctor's theater, New York City, last week.

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McCarver Brothers and James White are arranging a new song, with Bombasha actions for the Scott's Colored Minstrels.

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J. W. Jenkins, musical director with the "South Before the War" company, sends regards to Winn and Edmonds, and others.

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Mr. Walter Smart, of Smart and Williams, was very much on the sick list last week, but is wonderfully imporved at this writing.

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R. H. Barnett, of the Leland Melroy Minstrels, sends regards to "Barrel-house" Jordan, Crosby, Craig and Frank T. Patrick.

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George L. Moxley sends regards to Harry Fidler, Fred Simpson, Gil Garay, Julius Glenn, Billy Young and the Mallory Brothers.

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W. N. P. Spiller, Scott's Colored Minstrels, sends regards to U. S. G. Patterson and James Osborne, of "Darkest America."

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P. G. Lowery enjoyed a visit from the members of Oliver Scott's minstrels and a visit from friends and members of Mahara's Minstrels Sept. 16.

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George Day, tenor soloist, with "Darkest America," is fast climbing to the top as a leading colored operatic tenor.

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Lewis Tio, clarionetist, with John W. Vogel's combined shows, is highly spoken of as a clarionet soloist. Mr. Tio is from New Orleans.

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Chas. B. Tyler, monologue comedian with "Darkest America," is successfully singing his own composition entitled, "The First Black Soubrette." A hot one.

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"Darkest America," opened at the Grand opera house in Wheeling, W. Va., 15, 16, 17. The standing room sign was displayed at each performance.

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Perry Black, of "South Before the War" company, sends regards to Joe and Sadie Britton and Dave and Bessie Banks, of John W. Isham's Octoroons.

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Miss Odessa Warren is a very valuable adition to the Octoroons. She has a remarkable soprano voice and does herself proud in her various characters.

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Miss Lilly Garay is being encored nightly singing Mr. Chas. B. Tyler's latest con song, entitled "De Disappointed Coon," with John W. Vogel's combined shows.

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Mr. Ed. H. Hood, the phenomenal basso, with Isham's Octoroons, is certainly a wonder, and contributes much to the pedal section of the grandest choruses on the stage to-day.

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The Byron Sextette, with the Leland Melroy Minstrels, is composed of the following vocalists: Herbert Byron, Benj. Byron, Clarence Byron, Fred Byron, Fred Davis and Owen Marshall.

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Billy Porter and Frank Kirk are making a big hit this season in the second act of "Darkest America," displaying their versatility as emperors of comedy, which keeps the house in an uproar.

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Dan Washington, the St. Louis expert cake walker, was given a chance to stretch himself last week at the Suburban theater, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Washington has signed with the Leland Melroy Minstrels.

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Mr. F. H. Barnett, editor of the Progress, Omaha, Neb., was royally entertained at the schools at Trans-Mississippi by P. G. Lowery's cornet solos, accompanied by Prof. John Owens.

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The Mobile Comedy Quintette, who are billed as the "Five Real American Coons," have met with great success in London, Eng. They are negotiating for a pantomime engagement for the coming winter.

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Messrs. Jube Johnson, Perry Black and Misses Sadie Price and Sallie Carr Douglass are meeting with much success doing the "Black Annie" with Harry Martell's "South Before the War" company.

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Paul C. Floyd closed with the Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Big Minstrels at Dallas, Tex., on the 15th, and joined Leon W. Washburn's Double Minstrels at Columbus, O., on the 17th.

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Mr. R. H. Barnett, our special representative with the Leland Melroy Real Colored Minstrels, writes the following: "Enclosed find amount for copies received of The Freeman. The boys all welcome The Freeman, and they never lay it down until it has been read from first to last page. I can not summon words about The Freeman that I wish to say at present. Do not fail to send us twenty copies. If the reliable do not come in time we will send a detective that will certainly bring it back to the Melroy Minstrels."

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Miss Daisy Underwood, of Cleveland, O., will appear again this season with the famous Canadian Jubilee Singers and Imperial Orchestra Company. Miss Underwood made quite a hit with her superb singing in the east last season.

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Mr. Harry Prampin, cornetist, has joined the P. T. Wright Nashville Students. He will act at bandmaster this season. Mr. Prampin is a good musician, and hopes to have his band rank second to none.

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Harry Brown, the lightning crayon artist, has cancelled his engagement with Al Reeve's Big Show. Mr. Brown writes that his act has caught on in great shape in the east, and that he will continue to play dates.

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Messrs. Winn, Edmonds, Miss Marion Henry and Miss Florence Ellsworth, are meeting with much favor in their new adventure, "The Golf Dance," and always leave the audience well pleased.

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Clarence Powell, comedian, Oliver Scott's Colored Minstrels, is an old favorite in Lawrence, Kas. His many friends tendered him and the boys of the show a reception after the evening performance.

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Messrs. W. C. Craine, John A. Milton, J. C. S. Crooms, Misses Kaite Carter and Maud Crooms had quite an outing on the 11th. They write that they had the pleasure of catching four dozen frogs, which made quite a spread after the evening performance.

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Ralph Devine, the young trombone artist, late of "Old Kentucky" company, sends regards to Ralph Hawkins, of the "South Before the War" company; also to Edward Williams, of L. W. Washburn's Minstrels. He would like to hear from both of them.

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The third annual tour of the Leland Melroy Real Colored Minstrels opens Sept. 25th at the Fourteenth street theater, St. Louis, Mo., for two weeks. Company travels in standard Pullman, built specially to Manager Melroy's order, and is bokked in fifteen states, until July 1st, 1899.

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Marsh Craig is in receipt of a letter from Jalvin, the famous colored juggler, who has been touring South Africa with McAdoo's Minstrels. Jalvin writes that business was good in South Africa, and now, after a twenty days' trip from Cape Town, they arrived O. K. in Melbourne, Australia. He sends regards to friends.

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Miss Mae F. Wells is a great success singing, "Kill It, Babe," with the Isham's Octoroons this season, and shows remarkable qualities for a coming soubrette. And following the suggestiveness of the quaint title of her number, we can only wish her much success. "Kill It, Babe."

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The Alhambra Troubadours were the feature of the closing day at the Oswegatchie Fair, Ogdensburg, N. Y., Sept. 10. The cake walk was an interesting feature, and had many competitors. Al L. Tutt and wife won first prize, the second prize being won by L. Robinson and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Tutt gave daily exhibitions during the fair.

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Rastus and Banks (the original Rastus), have added some very new and novel effects to their big act and were one of the biggest hits at Baltimore last week. This team is becoming great favorites through the east, and always has a new idea in tsore. Still this is but one of the many good things that John W. Isham always has in store for the amusement lovers.

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Mr. George A. Hillman, of the team of Hillman and Allen, with the Leon W. Washburn's Double Minstrels, was called to his home at Indianapolis, on the 18th on account of the death of his wife. Mr. Hillman had been married only eighteen days. He has the sympathy of his many friends—professionals and non-professionals, in the hour of his bereavement.

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Prof. James Lacy, band and orchestra leader of the famous Richards, Pringles Rusco and Holland's Minstrels, has selected from the instrumental field a number of soloists that write and arrange, viz. Elmore Dodd, E-flat cornet; W. O. Terry, trombone; Robt. Leach, clarionet; Sam Burns, violin cello; S. B. Foster, B-flat cornet; Wm. Hedgepath, baritone, and J. W. Toomey, piccola.

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The Dalas Morning News stated in a recent issue that the Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Big Minstrel Festival was by far the best show that had been in the house this season, notwithstanding that they followed so close to the Cleveland-Wilson Minstrels. The houses at Dallas and Fort Worth were tested to their best capacity to witness the big show given by the "Georgias."

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Miss Katie Carter, the phenomenal buck and wing dancer, won a fine prize in the way of a gold medal, diamond settings, valued at $150, at Winnepeg, Man., recently. The medal was put up by the manager of the Winnepeg opera house for the contest. Miss Carter is open to meet all comers in her style of dancing at from $100 to $500. She is backed by Manager Harry Martell, of the "South Before the War" company.

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Messrs. Connely, Coleman, Dixon and Watkins, the members of the famous Windom Blackstone Quartet, say they were royally entertained in St. Louis by W. C. Hayden's Silver Thistle Mixed Quartet, by giving a private trolley car party for them and a most enjoyable time was spent. The invited guests were the cream of St. Louis society. In speaking of Mr. Hayden's quartet, the Blackstones said that the Silver Thistles are certainly all right, and there is no question about it, for they have as soprano Miss Frankie Browns Mr. W. C. Hayden, alto; W. C. Hayden, tenor, and last but not least Babe Alexander, basso. P. G. Lowery, the celebrated cornet soloist, in speaking of the musical hits said he considers the Silver Thistle Quartet of St. Louis, the most musical quartet he ver listened to.

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Heard in the dressing room of the Georgias": "Our information bureau is in charge of the famous L——" J. Ward, of Detroit, tell the boys a straight story. John they are on to you. Come in, Hedgepath. We are tired of hearing the same old "She Likes Me" tale. Fidler, the "Barnum and Bailey advertiser," comes in at last and says that he likes the South. Now, Isaac, we want to see your hand soon. The new selection, "I Heard from Billy Cumsams," is a hit on the first part, especially with the Irish.

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Prof. Charles E. Cross, one of St. Louis' youngest musicians, is now leading Leland Melroy's orchestra. Prof. Cross is one the race should be proud of, his musical ability is all natural, and I can say positively that in my estimation the professor is the youngest violinist on the stage, or in the business, not in age, but the time he has been playing the violin. If I mistake not, it is now near five years. He also arranges and directs for the Melroy show some very pretty arrangements.

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Frank M. Hailstock's concert orchestra, with the Oliver Scott Colored Minstrels, will render the following program at the monthly concert which is given for the amusement of the music-loving members of the company: Programme, Sept. 29: 1. "Hunter and Hermit," Daulby; 2. "Trocha" (Cuban dance), Tyers; 3. Waltz, "La Carmelia," Whitmark; 4. "Sonambula" clarionette solo), Lorenzo Tio; 5. "Pousee Cafe" (selection), Boettegar; 6. "22d Regiment March," Victor Herbert.

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The watermelon ballet with Isham's Octoroons, is a feature that is causing no little comment throughout the east. It is undoubtedly the finest effect costumed this season. It is composed of eight handsome dainty little maids, pretty and full of natural grace. This costume represents the watermelon in all its colors, and is a gorgeous spectacle as displayed under John W. Isham's electrical effects. This fine costume was photographed last week at Baltimore, and is one of the finest displays ever drawn out by a camera

Mr. John A. Milton, our special representative with Harry Martell's "South Before the War" company, says: "This leaves everybody well. The Freeman was received all O. K. Prof. Ben Harney, who has charge of our orchestra, is a graduate of the Washington (D. C.) High School, and he is doing his utmost to make his charge rank among the finest in the profession. Fred White, cornetist, sends regards to Harry Massengale and Sam Johnson. Eugene Clark, the trombonist, is still doing his solos, accompanied by Dick Minor, with great success. J. C. S. Crooms is singing all leading solos in our great production of 'Passion Play,' scoring a big success. Miss Maud Crooms is doing good work in the chorus. All send regards to May C. Hyer, L. M. Boyer, and Hallie Smith, of the Oriental Octoroons."

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Fred Douglass, the funny little fat comedian with Isham's Octoroons, is scoring a tremendous hit singing his latest composition, entitled, "Who's Got Money in Dis Gang." He receives four and five encores at every performance, and never fails to make good wherever he has sung it. A funny incident about the origin of this great hit is the fact that Mr. Douglass first started out to feature Dunbar and Marion's latest song, "Who Dat Say Chicken in Dis Crowd," but owing to the fact that same was copyrighted, and all rights sold to and held in reserve by Rice, of Casino Roof Garden, New York City, Mr. Douglass was thereby notified that there were some objections to his using the song, as he was getting all the good out of it ahead of its owners. Mr. Douglass then grasped a new idea under the title above mentioned, and in a few days had written one of the biggest hits this season. He says he is glad he was stopped on the other song, as his goes much better.

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Roster Leland Melroy's Real Negro Minstrels and Yoshi Hosokowa Imperial Japanese: Leland Melroy, sole owner and manager; H. C. Leslie, general and contracting agent; Edward H. Williams, advertising agent; Chas. Ross, lithographer; Franklin Adams, excursion agent; A. L. Melroy, secretary and treasurer; Geo. W. Hughey, master transportation; Wm. Blue, bandmaster; Chas. E. Cross, musical director; Prince McCabe, stage manager; Perry Gant, properties; Walter Smith, electrician; Mrs. James, wardrobe mistress; seven Byron troupe, Dan Washington and Maud Johnson, Mons. Serra, Yoshi Hosokowa Imperial Japanese, the Marshall family, De Billy Black, Russell L. Bolden, R. H. Barnett, Sonny Hoskins, Ollie Shelton, W. S. Le Vard, Prince McCabe, Perry Gant, Will Wyatt, Master Martin, Wade Moore, Wm. Bostwick, Walter Smith, James Marshall, Milton Vassar, Sol Townsend, Chas. Hunter, Tom Tolliver, Chas. Greene, Wm. Esters, George Israel, Peter Martin, Thos. Monroe, Wm. Hart.

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Mr. J. Ed Green, our special representative with the Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Big Minstrels, sends the following: "Papers were received all O. K. Lacy got stuck in Greenville, Tex., and missed the big parade in Dallas. Bob Stokes was on the train to meet the boys of the Minstrel Festival, and we took the usual dinner at 'the old man's house;' after the Diamond Quartet sang 'Dixie' for him everything was wide open. Paul C. Floyd closed at Greenville. At Dallas the St. Luke Lodge, K. of P., of which a number of the boys are members, gave the boys a 'blow out' after the show, where a much enjoyable course of instructions were listened to, after which a grand lunch was served. Mr. Julius Glenn, representing The Item, a very popular colored paper of the south, was the prime mover of much pleasure to the gang. Mrs. Louise Kersands is making a big hit singing 'Our Maine' in their sketch, 'The Deacon and the Widow.' 'Syde,' a lad of seven years of age, joined us at Dallas, to do top-mounting with the 'Whirlwinds,' making the number six. We 'just set a light' when the 'Big 4' heads go upon the bill boards; then when on parade with the four Stanhope traps 'there's nothing to it.' The finale of the first part, put on by Harry Fidler, our stage director, is a screaming hit. It is composed of Messrs. Dick Thomas, Bob Kemp, Ed Fisher and Pearl Brewer. Nothing funnier could be conceived."

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Mr. Clifford D. Brooks, our representative with John W. Vogel's Afro-American Minstrels, and "Darkest America," sends the following: "This is what the Evening News, of Wheeling, says about "Darkest America:' 'John W. Vogel's name has been prominently connected in recent years with theatrical enterprises, in which genuine colored people take part, but the very best organization which he has yet brought to Wheeling, opened a half-week's engagement at the Grand opera house. The theater was packed to the doors and the applause was frequent and generous throughout the evening. The first part of the program shows a very realistic picture of slavery days in the south, and the olio may be considered as fairly representative of the progress of the race along dramatic lines in which appears John Rucker, Gil Garay, George Bailey and Clifford D. Brooks. Chas. B. Tyler and John Rucker are the funniest black comedians who have appeared here, and La She's slack wire performance is remarkable. The vocal numbers of Miss Lee and Messrs. Chenault, Tyler and Patterson were sung with the fervor and style characteristic of Negro vocalists. The operatic ball was a fitting finale to an excellent performance. The costumes are very rich."

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson, of Oliver Scott's Refined Colored Minstrels, sends the following this week: "We attacked Kansas and completely routed the enemy. Our only loss during the engagement was a large table that the Reeds us in their silence and fun act, and that has been replaced with a new one. Of course with the show that we have, we expected to do good business, and our expectations have been more than realized. In Topeka, Kansas, we were greeted with a crowded house, the elite of the colored population being out in force. The show went without a hitch and the immense audience left well pleased. Our slack wire artist, Allie Brown, receiving an ovation. Mr. Brown is a Topeka lad, and his many friends congratulated him, this being his first appearance before an audience at home. We met the Buffalo Bill show again in Ottawa, Kas., and duplicated our former success while playing against his show. Receipts, $406. A heavy rain doubtless helped us out considerable. The boys received the Colored Clipper (Freeman) O. K. Send 25 copies. During our engagement in Lawrence, Kas., James White, Harry Waters (Rastus), McCarver Brothers, Marsh Craig and Willie Jackson, of the Scott's Colored Minstrels, while doing their respective acts, were surprised to find themselves the recipients of handfulls of silver money showered upon the stage. Well, the people of Kansas have peculiar ways of showing how they appreciate a good show. A. P. Scott, advance agent, is back spending a few days with the company. He is a jolly good fellow, and reports the outlook ahead to be good."

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Mr. S. N. Edmonds, our special representaive with John W. Isham's "Octoroons," sends the following: "John W. Isham's famous Octoroons continue to play to the S. R. O. sign and are meeting with the usual favor throughout the east They were at the Monumental theater, Baltimore, last week, and turned them away two nights in the week. The show is now down to first class working order, and is a decided success. The company has in its finish the neatest, up-to-date 45-minute receptions ever before staged in a colored combination. Mr. Walter Smart, of Smart and Williams, is stage manager with the company, and has added some very good editions to the same. And it is at this reception where the real four-hundred appear, displaying in gorgeous style the handsomest costumes and personal effects seen on the stage this season. The reception closes with a swell but entirely new style of cake walk, which, after being led by the only and original Rastus, the black baton whirlwind of America, and headed by America's fantastic and legitimate cake walkers, Mr. Richard Conner and Miss Marion Henry, is a feature that is always and only seen with the John W. Isham's combination. Following are the names of the members of this great organization: John W. Isham, director; Will H. Isham, manager; Tiffany Dugan, manager in advance; A. S. E. Flynn, musical director; Walter Smart, stage manager; J. B. DeBrandt, master mechanic; Mrs. Sadie Warren, wardrobe mistress; Miss Belle Davis, Miss Marion Henry, Miss Mae F. Wells, Miss Bessie Banks (of Rastus and Banks), Miss Eva Swanson, Miss Odessa Warren, Miss Mattie Evans, Miss Stella Wiley, Miss Sadie Britton (of the Brittons, Joe and Sadie), Miss Dora Patterson, Miss Blanche Dickson, Miss Cassie Brown, Miss Nellie Wells, Miss Florence Ellsworth, Miss Lottie St. Clair, Smart and Williams, S. N. Edmonds, Fred Douglass, Reese Brothers, Mat Johnson, Richard Conner, Ed H. Hood, Charlie White, Leon Williams, Ed Winn, John Taylor, Wm. H. Brown, William Harris."

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B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

The war is about over; "white winged peace" is in sight. "The dawn of peace" is about breaking, etc. All of which came just a little bit too soon. War, grim war, is theshortest route to fame and fortune, or death, known to civilization. It is the greatest game of chance the ambitious can stake their all upon. "Before this time to-morrow I shall have gained a peerage or Westminster Abbey," remarked Lord 'Nelson before the famous sea battle. It was not the interest of his king, or love of country that spurred him on—it was the ambition of Nelson. This war was by far too short from the ambitious Negro's point of view; before a whole "heap" of us Afro-American New York editors, authors, and newspaper men had an opportunity to take down "the sword of Bunk——" no, the sword of Fort Fisher, and that of Port Hudson, the dam Spanish gave up. This was mean of them, as it did not give we officers of "dat New York cullud rid'ment" (title of song now in press) an opportunity to win our spurs. We will now be obliged to push forward towards fame and wealth simply as the head of the "Afro-American League," and the head of the "Invincble Sons and Daughters of Commerce." Such is the "irony of fate."

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I was in "the four hundred" section of New York City a few days ago, when I overheard the following:

"Yeas, doncher know, if it hadn't been for our Rough Riders this war would not be over. Teddy's boys did the work."

Of course the speaker was a "dude."

I was in the "Irishtown" section of Greater New York when I overheard the following:

"Well, Mike, if the president an' them other bloody hathen in congress an' the rist of them Prodercents had let the pope sittle the matter we'd had no war."

"Yes, Pat; but if it hadn't been for the New York 71st after this war was started there at Santyego them dudes and niggers would all been kilt."

I was standing on the corner of DeKalb avenue and Hudson, Brooklyn, in the "coontown" part of Greater New York, that the following arrested my atention:

"Yes, by ——; dey kin say what dey likes 'bout ther black man, but he have fit his way through in every war dis here country has had. Now ef it had ent bin for that 9th and 10th cav'ery of black throops where would them dudes and d—d Irishmen been? Why in h—l where they should be, but I tell you what, them niggers jumped into them wire breast works en fit like the devil. Them boys carried things 'fore and aft.' All the black man wants is jess half er chance and he would beat the deck; give the white man cards and spades; but he's hel' down."

Now the question I would like to ask is, who is right, the "dude," the "mick" or the "coon?"

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Now for a few questions. WHY IS IT that you will sit in the barbershop and take a freeread out of the Freeman instead of buying a copy and taking it home to the family? WHY IS IT that the "400" of Afro-American society of New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Indianapolis, New Orleans and in fact all large cities of the United States do not give "charity balls" in the next winter, and "after the ball is over" take the receipts therefrom and buy coal, wood and provisions for the worthy colored poor of their respective towns? WHY IS IT that church and "society" members who live in glass houses are always throwing stones at other sinners against the laws of God and man?

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WHY IS IT that we always "point with pride" to our one-half, one-tenth, or one-hundredth part of white blood, and hardly ever to our African fluid?

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WHY IS IT that after eight years the father of "The Afro-American League" is trying to resurrect his still-born child?

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WHY IS IT we do not take Bro. and Hon. A. B. C. D. Taylor's hand and form a Negro National Political party?

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WHY IS IT that a great many "white folks" prefer going to a colored "watch meeting" New Year's eve than the theater?

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WHY IS IT that nine-tenths of our people, high and low, men and women, "rich" and poor, black and "yaller," try in vain day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, to storm the citadel of fortune by the way of the policy shop?

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WHY IS IT that some of our greatest female literary lights have recently decided that "marriage is a failure" with a big "F?"

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WHY IS IT when a beautiful young woman decided to take a toboggan slide from morality she selects as her companion, a—well, repulsive looking nondescript?

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WHY IS IT you do not join "the Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce" before it is too late?

B. SQUARE.

SACRIFICE.

It seems a dream—I cannot make it clear—
That 'twas but yesterday, dear love, that thou
wert here,
But one brief day ago I felt thy pulsing breath.
And this is death.

The world is changed; no, nothing, nothing's
right.
My soul is bathed in deepest, darkest night,
A few short hours, and yet the sun's bright ray
Cannot transform my darkness into day.

For freedom! Ah, will Cuba ever know
How her redemption fills my life with woe?
Be brave, O heart, like unto him who gave,
As thou, his all, those suffering souls to save.

—Rose Van B. Speece.

THE ENGLISH NOT PROFANE.

Little Bad Language In London Outside of Petticoat Lane.

Little rough or rude language is used by the English. They even fight without swearing and get very drunk and noisy without employing strong language. They love to chaff and guy each other, and the crowds and the street people who drive horses and peddle goods and hang about the corners are a great deal wittier than most of us give them credit for being, but they seldom resort to bad language. I never heard much of it until I went to Petticoat lane, and I know a woman who has lived here two years and been constantly about town who tells me that in that time she has only heard one oath from an Englishman's lips. The worst word I heard in Petticoat lane was "bloody." That, however, is the worst word I could have heard—in English opinion it is the foulest word there is. I have only heard one man use it and he did not speak it. He was very angry, and he spelled it.

I am telling you this because I know that at home in America we associate it with the English and put it in Englishmen's mouths in our anecdotes, as if it were a matter of course that it should be used to give a local color to an English story. Americans come here and make use of the word for the comic value that they attach to it, and yet I assure my readers that if they tried to think of any really disgusting term they had ever heard and made use of instead they could not more startle or shock these English ears.

English sailors have brought the word "bloody" to our shores—sailors and prizefighters and stablemen, and only such persons cling to it here. What we consider a very much fouler word has a vastly wider circulation, but is not considered as bad as "bloody." All this is very strange and requires a native to explain it, especially as "bloody" is merely the contraction of the oath "by our Lady," which was more or less commonly used in the ancient days when this was a Roman Catholic country.

The people who try to swear without swearing—who in our country say "hully chee" and "by cripes," all use the word "blooming" over here. "I can't very bloomin well make you buy this bloomin thing, but I'll 'ave a bloomin try at it," is what I heard a street fakir say to a crowd the other day. There is no harm in that at all, and it is much more typically English than the word "bloody," besides being decent.

It is funny what mistakes nations make about one another. Over here the very smart thing in reporting the speech of us Americans is to make us all and always call ourselves "Amurricans." It may be true of us. This whole nation believes it. But I never heard an American so pronounce the name of our country, and yet I've got a quick linguistic ear, which is a thing the English utterly lack.—Julian Ralph in Providence Journal.

A Really Historical Novel.

To produce a so called historical novel has been attempted by many, but with indifferent success by the majority, so far as history is concerned. Alike the best known and the most successful authors of this class are Scott, Kingsley and Lytton. In grouping books of this type in an order of merit based on their historical worth, it cannot be denied that "The Last of the Barons" should be awarded the first place, with "Henry Esmond" and "Hereward the Wake" bracketed as second. Victor Hugo's "L'Historie d'un Crime," which has been called "the apotheosis of the special correspondent," is a notable example of a contemporary history written under a thin disguise of fiction. Pearson's Weekly.

A Talented House Agent.

Mrs. Homeseeker—You certainly don't expect anybody to take this house? Why, the floors all run down hill.

Agent (a smart man)—It was built in that way on purpose, mum, to keep peace in the family. Greatest invention of the age, mum.

Mrs. Homeseeker—Keep peace in the family? What do you mean?

Agent—It's all right, mum; nothing like it. Whenever your husband drops his collar button, they'll roll down to that wall, and he'll always know where to find 'em.—London Tit-Bits.

Chinese Taxes Very Light.

The Chinese are perhaps the most lightly taxed people in the world. In China all the land belongs to the state, and a trifling sum per acre—never altered through long centuries—is paid as rent. This is the only tax in the country, and it amounts to about half a crown per head yearly.—London News.

A Mean Trick.

Smith—You say you write dunning letters to yourself and sign them with fictitious names. What do you do that for?

Jones—You see, my wife is always after me for money, and when she reads those letters she becomes discouraged. London Fun.

Something In It.

Miss Wellwood—Do you believe there is anything in love at first sight?

Mr. Hardacre—Oh, yes. About nine times out of ten there's a divorce in it. —Exchange.

A HARD RAILROAD TO BEAT.

One Man In Double Distilled Ill Luck Found It So.

The Southern Pacific is about the worst road in the wide, wide world to fool in the matter of transportation. The Southern Pacific has such a plain monopoly of California business that it is not necessary for it to look for favors, so it closes down very tight. Even the tickets which the scalpers succeed in getting are so hedged about with precautions that it is like taking a civil service examination to beat one of them.

The favorite is a long slip which is designed to be punched to fit the description of the purchaser, so that by no means can it be used by another than the rightful owner. When one of these tickets appears in a scalper's stock, it looks like a porous plaster, being punctured for the color of the eyes, the hair, stature, weight, complexion and other details of the physical make up.

Once Jim Crawford of Laramie found himself stuck in San Francisco with $4 and a fearful hunger for home. But $4 was as nothing to the fare back over the desert. While he was worrying his soul with regrets he came upon a neatly folded slip of paper which had been lost, doubtless by some hurried tourist. It was one of those pieces of organette music representing a ride back to Ogden.

Jim read it over, printed matter, punches and all, and rushed for a drug store. He bought dyes for his hair, a stain for his complexion, got a pair of blue goggles and ran a concealing bandage over his chin. A barber took off his mustache, and for a dollar a cheap oculist made his eyes blue, so that the goggles were re-enforced with corroboration. It took all his money but 40 cents. Then he climbed aboard the train.

He had reached Port Costa when the conductor came around and gave one hurried look at the ticket.

"This thing expired a month ago," he said tersely.

The telegraph poles were pendulous with blue and brimstone for two weeks after Crawford had finished his walk back to Oakland.—Chicago Record.

"NO BOXES SOLD HERE."

A Sign Displayed In Shops Which Guard Carefully Their Reputations.

"No Boxes Sold Here" is the sign that hangs in one of the principal jewelry establishments in the city. The sign made its appearance after the shopping of one Christmas season. But there is no time of the year in which the demand for boxes is quite discontinued, and the sign serves its purpose always.

The demand for boxes was prompted by the amiable desire to deceive some friend or relative into the belief that the article presented to him came from the best establishment in the city. Similar attempts are made at the well known glass and china shops, at one of the well known French confectioners and at all of the establishments which have made a reputation in some particular field.

Nearly all of these answer such applications with the words of the sign, "No Boxes Sold Here," but there are some few which sell them as regularly as they do other objects of merchandise and are quite indifferent to what becomes of them so long as they get their rather high prices for the empty boxes bearing the name of the firm. Similar indifference is shown by a well known English pickle factory, which allows its labels to be sold here and pasted over any sort of stuff that the purchaser of them happens to concoct.—New York Sun.

The Nose Lasts Longest.

Bone and cartilage enter so largely into the structure of the nose and determine its characteristics that it undergoes little perceptible change, as a rule, with the lapse of years. The brow becomes wrinkled, and crows' feet gather round the eyes, which themselves gradually grow dim as time rolls on. Cheeks lose the bloom which cosmetics cannot replace and lips their fullness and color.

The chin, dimpled in youth, develops angularities or globularities, as the case may be, and the eyebrows become heavy with the crop of many years' growth. The nose shows no mark comparable to these familiar facial indications of the approach of old age and practically enjoys immunity from the ravages which time makes on the other features of the face. Next to the nose, probably the ears, as a rule, show the fewest and least obvious signs of old age.

A Curious Sight.

In Japan the traveler sees many curious sights. One of the strangest of which is the population washing itself at the corners of streets toward evening. In Yeddo the citizens frequent large bathing establishments. The street doors of such resorts stand open, and a striking spectacle, to say the least, is presented by the inmates sitting washing themselves with the utmost unconcern. This is a general custom, and nothing whatever is thought of it. Such an apparent want of modesty is difficult to comprehend and is not reconcilable with the advanced state of civilization of the Japanese. In many other of the manners and customs do the Japs offer a striking antagonism to those accepted by us.

Watching Plants Grow.

Procure a little collomia seed. Take one of the seeds, and with a razor cut off a very tiny slice, place it on a slide, cover with a glass and place under the microscope. The instrument must be in a vertical position. When it is well focused and lighted, moisten it with a drop of water. The seed will absorb the moisture and throw out a very large number of spiral fibers, giving the appearance of veritable germination. Beginners will find it easier if one applies the moisture while the other looks through the instrument.—Microscopical Journal.

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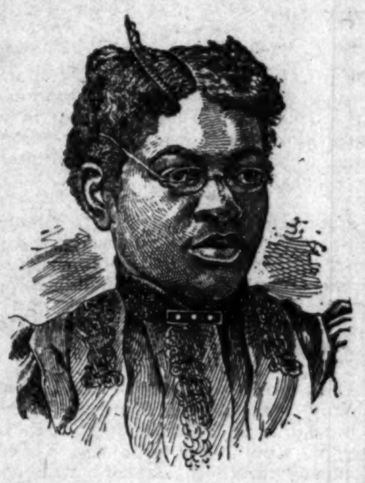

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Colored men are now employed as electricians in the street car service in New Orleans. Many cable cars are now in service also.

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Attorney Frank Wheaton, of Minneapolis, Minn., has the proud distinction of being the first Negro to be nominated for the Legislature of that State.

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The Ninth United States volunteer Afro-American immunes, 1,050 strong, with white colonels, majors and captains only, are doing garrison duty at Santiago, Cuba, with the Eighth Illinois.

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At the recent Republican convention at Newbern, Craven county, N. C., the Afro-Americans captured the nomination for County Treasurer, one Representative, one Commissioner, Coroner, Register of Deeds, and indorsement for Solicitor.

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It is reported that Sergeant Berry, the regimental color bearer of the Tenth Cavalry, a big, stalwart black man, who has been in the army for thirty years, was at the head of his regiment on the march up San Juan hill, as brave as a lion.

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A reign of terror prevails in portions of Texas, due to the operations of bands of whitecaps in Titus, Cass, Red River, Hopkins and other counties in the cotton districts of northern Texas, whence thousands of Negroes have fled on account of notices being posted, and in some cases violence being used, to run them out.

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Rev. H. C. Robinson, of Alleghney, Pa., is one of the best known colored ministers of the United States, having served as moderator of the District Baptist association, and vice moderator of the National Baptist association. He is the founder of the District Baptist association, and an active member of this association. He is also a life member of the Virginia Baptist association.

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"The St. Louis Negro Tammany" was organized at Jefferson avenue hall Thursday night, Sept. 8, with 165 members. Ex-President William H. Fields of the Missouri State Democratic Negro League was chosen president, and C. C. Rankin, editor of the St. Louis Bee, secretary; Ira Douglass, vice president, W. H. Blackburn, financial secretary, and Charles Madison, treasurer.

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The first Zulu priest is now journeying from London to South Africa to enter upon the work of his sacred ministry, says the Catholic Standard. He is known as Rev. E. K. Muller; Ph. D., and was ordained in Rome in the Lateran basilica on Trinity Sunday, June 5, 1898. He, as a boy, accompanied Father David Bryant, of the Trappist abbey, Pinetown, Natal, to Rome at the time of the Papal jubilee, and remained to study at the College of the Propaganda. He is now returning to the Zulu mission, accompanied by Right Rev. Lord Abbot Franz. Though he began his studies for the priesthood under the Trappists, Father Muller is on the list of secular clergy. He is clearly one of the fruits of Trappist missionary work, however, and a few details concerning the work of this order in South Africa will prove of great interest at this time.

The Trappistine monks went to Natal in 1882, and in 1887 the Order had established two schools in South Africa, giving education to 200 children. Today the Trappists are educating, clothing and lodging 14,000 native children, all of whom are taught trades entirely gratis. Those natives residing on estates belonging to the monastry rejoice in a rent only half, and even sometimes a third and quarter as much as is demanded by outside landowners. The monks have also fine string, reed and brass bands, which are a great attraction for the natives. Their religious services are all carried out upon the most gorgeous scale, which they are the better enabled to do from the fact of their abbot possessing the privilege of using Pontificial insignia. They have also, besides the usual trade shops, erected a large polytechnic, fitted up with all the best European machinery and comprising department for arrow root making, pressing table oil from ground nuts, iron turning, wood sawing, photographing, as well as one of the largest and most complete printing and book binding establishment in South Africa. Several prayer books have been translated into the Zulu tongue by the Rev. David Bryant, formerly a Trappistine, but now a secular priest. A set of these books has recently been presented to his Holiness Pope Leo XIII. All these missions have been founded and all these works carried out in the main by the charity of continental, chiefly German, benefactors. There are now in all six hundred monks and nuns of the order in South Africa, at twenty-three stations.

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Items.—Church Doings.

Chambersburg, Pa., special.—

The grand rally at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, West German street, was a grand success, on Sunday. It was the best in the history of the church. The pastor, Rev. B. J. Bolding, B. D., is an able speaker and a splendid financier. Love feast at 9 a. m., conducted by Exhorter Harris and local preacher Branson. At 10:30 a. m. Rev. P. S. Boswell preached an eloquent sermon. At 1 p. m. the Girls' Independent Club, Captan Fanny Jones, held an hour's meeting. At 2 p. m. the Junior Varrick C. E. Society and boys' brigade, Captain Alfred Bradford, Sr., held an hour's meeting. Both were interesting and helpful. At 3 p. m. Rev. S. Burch preached a grand sermon. His excellent choir rendered choice music. At 6:45 song service was conducted by Prof. R. H. Thompson and wife, of Charleston, W, Va., Professor Thompson has traveled in Europe and South America as financial agent of Storer College, located at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., and raised $22,000 for said school. At 8 p. m. Rev. B. J. Bolding, the pastor, preached an eloquent sermon to a packed house. The members deserve great credit for their united effort. We return thanks to our many friends, white and colored, and to our sister churches, the Bethel A. M. E. and Hope Chapel Presbyterian, Rev. Geo. Brabham, A. M., pastor, and Mt. Moriah Baptist, Rev. Robinson, pastor. The following is the collection for the day: Rev. Bolding, Club A, $32.80; Martha Martemus, $32.62; Fanny Bradford, $28.49; Mary J. Hall, $27; Nellie Lewis, $13.60; Bertha Hall, $12.80; Evaline Ukkard, $10.88; Jane Lane, $8.90; Fanny Jones, $5.60; Junior Y. P. S. C. E., 52 cents; Boys' Brigade, 50 cents; Ruth E. Swingley "Independent Club," $6; Arvena Craig, a five-year-old child, $6; Lucinda Stepton, 50 cents; Henry Branham, $5; Lewis Wollard, 25 cents; Kate Norman, 25 cents; total, $190.19.

Mr. and Mrs. Swingley and Arvena Craig, a five-year-old child, received an eloquent adress from the pastor, Rev. P. S. Boswell, and Rev. Geo. Brabham. We thank the good people of Chambersburg and vote this as the largest rally ever in this church.

Personal Mention.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—Mrs. Viola Allen, of South Bend, Ind., and Earl Finley were married at the residence of Mrs. Jackson, Tuesday evening by A. E. Harris. * * The Colonial Club gave a Klondike social at Mrs. Wade's, 613 West Park avenue, Wednesday evening. * * Mr. J. W. Williams visited his daughter in Englewood last Sunday. * * Miss Freeman, of South Chicago, was the guest of friends on the West Side Sunday. * * The Booker T. Washington Club will give a social Wednesday evening the 21st. * * Mr. Walker was ordained a minister the 14th. * * Rev. Clay, of Cincinnati, preached an excellent sermon at Providence Church.

New York via Pennsylvania Lines.

Under schedule taking effect Sunday, June 26th, the time to New York over the Pennsylvania lines will be quickened. Train No. 20, the solid vestibule train which goes through to New York without change for either sleeping car or coach passengers, arrives Twenty-third street station, New York City, about one hour earlier than under the old schedule. The through time of this daily train is as follows under the new arrangement: Leaves Chicago 10:30 a. m., Indianapolis 2:30 p. m., Cincinnati 4:20 p. m., Dayton, 5:35 p. m., Columbus 7:50 p. m., arrives Pittsburg 1:40 a. m., central time; arrives Harrisburg 9:10 a. m., Baltimore 11:55 a. m., Washington, 1:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:52 a. m., Twenty-third street station, New York, 2:35 p. m., eastern time.

The time of Train No. 6 has also been quickened. Under the new schedule that train leaves Indianapolis 5:50 a. m., Cincinnati 8:15 a. m., Columbus 11:45 a. m., arrives Pittsburg 5:40 p. m., central time; arrives Harrisburg 2:00 a. m., arrives Baltimore 6:25 a. m., arrives Washington 7:40 a. m., arrives Philadelphia 4:50 a. m., arrives Twenty-third street station, New York City, 7:45 a. m., eastern time. No. 6 has sleeping cars through to New York without change.

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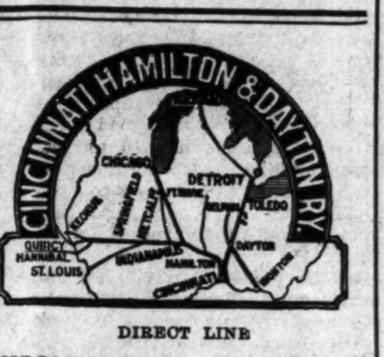

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I very much admire the position you have taken as regards the duty of the Negroes of this country in the present Spanish-American war. I mail you a copy of the leading daily of this city, which contains an article on this matter, the first mention or reference that has appeared in it since the war began. I wanted to see the Negro go on record in this daily. Yours

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TOWN TALK.

V. M. Phillips, of Danville, was in the city last week.

Claude Bass came home trom Chicago last Monday.

Mr. Erie Dixon, of Cincinnati, was in the city last week.

Mr. W. H. Thatch is the guest of Chester Finn in Chicago.

Harry Geer, of this city, made quite a hit in Chicago last week.

Mrs. Jennie McDonald has gone to Chicago for a short stay.

Miss Lida Meadows has returned from a pleasant trip in Kentucky.

Miss Sarah Dickerson is the guest of relatives in Franklin, Ky., this week.

Miss Nettie Pierce has returned to her home in Muncie, after a visit here.

Arthur Franklin accompanied Miss Nannie Shanks to Chicago last Sunday.

Mr. Aleaxnder McBain, of Berea, Ky., is in the city with a view to locating.

"Just a Few" had a rag meet at 1020 South State avenue Tuesday night, September 20.

Mr. William Porter, of Memphis, Tenn., is the guest of friends and relatives here.

Miss Addie Brock, of Richmond, Ky., is with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gentry, 727 W. Eleventh street.

Richard Jackson, Harry Greer, John Jones, Bert Ward and Charlie Bird spent last Sunday in Chicago.

A wheel party was given Friday evening in honor of Miss Jennie Brown, of 222 West Fifteenth street.

Dr. M. A. Majors and Prof. Singleton, of Decatur, Ill., were the honored guests of Geo. L. Knox last Sunday.

A number of ladies are endeavoring to raise means with which to provide entire outfits of woolen underwear for the inmates of the Alpha Home, which provision their feeble health and the approaching cold weather makes a great necessity. Looking to this end the ladies are arranging a first-class recital, musical and literary, to be given at the Ninth Presbyterian Church, Friday, September 30, in which the city's very best talent will appear. Reserve this date to aid a worthy cause.

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Miss Gertrude Howard and her grandmother, Mrs. Armstrong, attended the G. A. R. Encampment at Cincinnati. They were welcome visitors at Fort Thomas also.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bell, of Louisville, spent Sunday in the city, and on their return were accompanied by Mrs. Kincaid, the mother of Mrs. Bell, who will spend several weeks with them.

Mrs. Emma Garvin died of consumption on the 17th. Mrs. Garvin was formerly Miss Clay and was well known here. She leaves many relatives and friends who mourn her early demise.

Mrs. Johnson, wife of Dr. Johnson, of 1309 Senate avenue North, has recently joined her husband, after several weeks' visit in Galesburg, Ill. They will be at home to friends at the above number.

Mrs. Lizzie Venable entertained the family Wednesday evening, the 14th, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Snowden, of Chicago. A delightful time was had and Mrs. Snowden returned to her home Thursday highly pleased with her visit.

Mrs. Scott, of E. Stillwell street, entertained at luncheon Thursday afternoon, the 15th, in honor of Miss Lulu Jones, of New York. The guests who partook of the dainty repast were: Miss Lulu Hopewell, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Craig, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Graths, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Skillman and Miss Grey and Sergt. William Phillips, Camp Capron, Fort Thomas, Ky. After a round of pleasure the guests departed for their several homes delighted.

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Via C., H. and D. Railway, Sunday, September 25. National League baseball, Cincinnati vs. Cleveland—two games for one admission. Two special fast trains, stopping only at Rushville, Connersville and Hamilton, leave Union Station at 7:15 a. m.; leave Cincinnati returning at 7:15 p. m. For tickets and detailed information consult tickets agents, Union Station and 25 West Washington street. George W. Hayler, D. P. A.

Jottings—Personals.

Leadville, Colo., special.—Quite a heavy snow fell on the 10th. * * Mrs. McRaven has been on the sick list. * * Mrs. George Roberson, of Leavenworth, Kans., is the guest of G. W. Roberson, 213 West Sixth street. * * Prof. A. S. Green, A. M., former professor in the Western College, at Mason, Miss., filled the pulpit at Baptist Mission Sunday. * * Charley Patton was badly beaten up by Wm. Allen at their boarding house Monday. * * Mrs. Henry Everetts and daughter, Miss Stella, have gone to Omaha. * * Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Robinson left on the 14th for Denver. * * Miss Cecil Hedgepath, of Denver, is the guest of Mrs. Sophia Anderson. * * Mrs. H. L. Jones is at Colorado Springs. * * Mrs. J. W. Young was the delegate to the State meeting of the W. C. T. U., which convened in Denver September 21. * * Miss Maude Chinn will soon return to Wilberforce to enter school. * * Mrs. Thompson, of Denver, was here the 21st. * * Mrs. Sophia Anderson will reside in Colorado Springs after the 1st of October. * * Rev. R. Cason has returned from Butte, Mont., where he attended conference. He reports that Rev. Wm. Moore has been sent to this station.

Gleanings.

Logansport, Ind., special. — Miss Maude Herron, of Terre Haute, who has been here with her sister, Mrs. Malone, returned home last Sunday with her mother. * * Mrs. Dan Brown, of Wabash, spent Sunday here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Russell. * * Miss Mary Allen made a business trip to Ketland last week. * * Mrs. Chas. Parker is visiting in Michigan. * * Miss Lottie King has just returned from a two weeks' visit to Kenneth. * * Mrs. Harriet Kennedy is on the sick list. * * Mr. George C. Parker left last week for Cincinnati and will visit Michigan before returning home. * * Mr. C. C. Poindexter, who has been attending business college in this city, left last week for Virginia. * * Mrs. McCrea, mother of Mrs. J. Taylor, has returned to Crawfordsville after a two weeks' visit. * * Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Underwood, who came here several days ago to attend an Advent camp meeting, are visiting their sister, Mrs. John Parker. * * Mrs. H. Harris, mother of Mrs. John Parker, fell down stairs last Saturday and broke her ankle. She has suffered a great deal since. * * We were very much pleased to have our minister with us Sunday and everyone was especially pleased with his morning sermon. We trust that this pleasantness will continue with our Rev. Alex. Smith. * * The G. U. O. O. F. gave two concerts at the park last week. * * Miss Mabel Parke has entered school after an illness of several months.

Interesting Items.

Clarksville, Tenn., special. — Revs. Davis and Hawkins are conducting a tent meeting here and drawing large crowds. The meeting is under the auspices of the Christian Church. * * Mr. Lee McNeal, a popular barber of this city, died at his home in North Clarksville the 1st, of consumption. Mr. McNeal was a member of the Clarksville brass band. His age was thirty-five years. * * Miss Settle is able to be out again. * * Misses Lula and Sammie Hawkins have returned home after a visit to Guthrie, Ky. * * Miss Nettie Hawkins is visiting friends in Hopkinsville. * * George W. Hill, of Hopkinsville, is visiting friends in the city. * * Miss Bell Metcalf is visiting in Hampton. * * Mrs. Mary Coleman, of Hampton, was in the city last week. * * Lonnie H. Hill has gone to Evansville to reside. * * R. E. Hill visited Guthrie last week. * * Miss Willa Kesee has returned from a visit to Hopkinsville. * * Hon. J. C. Napier, of Nashville, was in the city last week. * * Miss Millard, of Paris, Tenn., is visiting in the city. * * Dr. Boyd, of Nashville, was in the city recently. * * Miss Ada Henry has returned to her home in St. Louis. * * Miss Ella Metcalf and Mr. Bennie Cornell were married September 14 at Fifth Ward Baptist Church. Rev. Stokes officiated. * * Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hill spent Sunday in New Providence. * * Miss Lizzie Crouch died at her home, on Ninth street, September 13. * * George Kelley left last week for Cincinnati to spend the winter. * * If you want to know what the race is doing read The Freeman. * * Miss Tabbie Jones has returned to her home. * * Miss P. Clardy, of New Providence, was in the city last week.

Notes.

Knightsville, Ind., special.—Rev. J. H. Johnson, of the A. M. E. Church, has taken hold of the work of his new charge at Brazil and expresses himself as being well pleased with the outlook for this conference year. * * Prof. C. C. Wheeler, who has been in New York all summer, is at home for a short time. * * Mr. Richard Walden, who had his leg broken about three weeks ago by the kick of a horse, is getting along nicely. The attending physician thinks now he will be able to restore his patient without amputation.

Items

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—The revival at the C. P. Church is still in progress under the management of Rev. McCalley. * * Mrs. Maria Minza has been visiting the B. Association in Newbern. * * Mrs. Harriet Hamilton is able to be out after several months' illness.

Notes of Interest.

Dayton, O., special.—The McKinley M. E. Church is conducting a gospel meeting in the center of the city. The seating capacity of the tent is 700 people. The preachers who are present are Revs. Polk, Paris, Ky.; Burton and Turner. Rev. E. A. White, of Connersville, arrived on the 20th. On the 27th Rev. H. D. Parnell, of Xenia, and Rev. M. C. Mason will be present. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Winston, the favorite duettists, are furnishing music. * * Mr. A. Viney has returned from New York, joined his wife here and returned with her to their home in Springfield. * * Wesley Hall is at home now. * * Clarence Brown is improving. * * William Bell has resigned his position with the Lennox Soap Company and will return to Chicago. * * Harvey F. Walker, of this city, died in Des Moines, Iowa, September 12. His remains were brought to this city and buried Thursday from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Levi Jackson. Services were conducted by Revs. Gilmer and McGuire. * * Mrs. E. Jackson and James Clayborn, of Cincinnati, who have been the guests of Mrs. Martin, of Zegler street, left Monday for Xenia. * * Miss Ella McGregory has been ill. * * Mrs. Artist, of Xenia, was the guest of Mrs. Liaral. * * Mrs. Mary Barber, aged seventy years, died the 15th and was buried. Rev. Grant conducted the service. * * Willie Winn, aged thirteen years, died last week. * * Rev. Pope delivered an excellent sermon Sunday evening at the Tabernacle. * * Get The Freeman at White's Barber Shop, 212 South Main street. Sold by W. A. Johnson.

A National Convention.

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ucators, but all well wishers for the dawn of the day when their race will enjoy all of its constitutional rights, as the proper persons to issue the call for a "national convention of Negro voters" to discuss the expediency of forming a Negro political party: Hon. Geo. L. Knox, of Indiana; Prof. B. T. Washington, of Alabama; Hon. D. A. Straker, of Michigan; Hon. C. A. A. Taylor, of Florida; C. W. Anderson, esq., of New York; Hon. C. H. Taylor, of Georgia; A. M. Hodges, esq., of New York; Hon. J. P. Green, of Ohio; Hon. P. B. Pinchback, of Louisiana; R. W. Thompson, esq., of Washington, D. C.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the Negro voters of the United States through the columns of their race advocate and speaking medium, the Indianapolis Freeman.

HENRY J. GILES.
Newark, N. J.

THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS.

Professor Draper's Sister Sat Thirty Minutes For Her Portrait.

Elizabeth Flint Wade has an illustrated paper on "Photography—Its Marvels" in St. Nicholas. The author says:

The first accounts of this great discovery are very entertaining reading. Professor Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, was in Paris when the news was published, and at once went to see Daguerre's wonderful pictures. In describing them afterward he said that moving objects made no impression on the plate, for a picture taken of a crowded boulevard showed it as if entirely deserted, with the exception of a man having his shoes polished. The man's feet, he said, were well defined, because they were kept stationary, but he was without head or body, for these were in motion.

To America belongs the honor of making the first photographic portrait, the artist being Professor John Draper, a professor and afterward the president of the University of New York. His victim was his sister, Miss Catherine Draper. He powdered her face, that the likeness might be more quickly impressed on the sensitive plate, and for 30 minutes Miss Draper sat—or, at least, tried to sit—as immovable as a statue.

The first class in photography was formed in Boston in the spring of 1840 by Daguerre's agent, Gourad of Paris. The Rev. Edward Everett Hale, then a student in Harvard, became an enthusiastic member of the class. In his diary, under date of April 1, 1840, is this entry: "On my way home I stopped at the shop and got my daguerreotype thermometer. There seems to be a great demand; there were three or four others there."

THE RICH RUSSIAN.

He Has a Weakness For an Army of Family Servants.

We were a family of 8, occasionally of 10 or 12 says Prince Kropotkin in The Atlantic, but 50 servants at Moscow, and half as many more in the country, were considered not one too many. Four coachmen to attend a dozen horses, three cooks for the masters and two more for the servants, a dozen men to wait upon us at dinner time—one man, plate in hand, standing behind each person seated at the table—and girls innumerable in the maidservants' room, but how could any one do with less than this?

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—Chicago News.

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